HOUSE M.D. Episode Guide

Episodes 001–175

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Season One
A young kindergarten teacher named Rebecca passes out in front of her class after talking gibberish. After she collapses she begins having convulsions. At the hospital, Dr. James Wilson describes the case to Dr. House, a doctor with an excellent reputation but is known for keeping a distance from his patients. Dr. Wilson explains that Rebecca’s mental status is deteriorating quickly. House agrees to take the case. His team consists of three young intelligent doctors: Allison Cameron, Robert Chase, and Eric Foreman.

Later, Dr. Cameron and Dr. Foreman give Rebecca a CT scan, but after a panic attack she has another seizure. Her breathing stops and the doctors perform an emergency tracheotomy to help her breath. House wonders if Rebecca’s problem is a case of inflamed blood vessels. The only problem is you can’t diagnose this without a biopsy, but House tells them to give Rebecca steroids anyway.

Upon suggestions from House, Foreman breaks into Rebecca’s house to see if he can determine that there is something in her apartment that is causing the seizures. Back at the hospital, the steroids seem to be helping Rebecca, but then she suddenly loses her vision, and more seizures follow. The next day, Foreman tests Rebecca’s mental status, but she fails, but later does again and passes easily. House then suggests they let her die and then examine her post-mortem so they can discover what she was suffering from.

Later, Foreman mentions casually that Rebecca had ham in her fridge. House suddenly realizes what is going on - Rebecca has a tapeworm in her brain! They tell Rebecca, but she doesn’t want any more treatments. She just wants to go home and die peacefully. House calls her a coward, in an attempt to get her to accept treatment. She demands proof that it’s a worm, since he was wrong on everything else. Chase, however, suggests a plain x-ray to check for worms. House realizes that he’s right...if there’s a worm in the brain (even though it wouldn't show up due to having the same thickness as cerebral fluid), there is one in her leg. And that one will show up.

They show Rebecca the x-ray. Sure enough, there is a worm larvae in her thigh. She will make a full recovery, with nothing but a few pills.
Paternity

Season 1
Episode Number: 2
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Tuesday November 23, 2004 on FOX
Writer: Lawrence Kaplow
Director: Peter O’Fallon
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Guest Stars: Kylee Cochran (Young Mother), Alex Skuby (John Funsten), Scott Mechlowicz (Dan), Paul Ganus (Trainer), Robin Thomas (Dan’s Father), Wendy Gazelle (Dan’s Mother), Scott Hochstadt (Jake)
Production Code: HOU-105
Summary: A 16-year old high school student, Dan, starts suffering from nightmares and frequent hallucinations, and he reveals he was hit in the head while playing lacrosse at school. Dan is apparently suffering from MS, and risky brain surgery is needed. Meanwhile House must deal with a patient looking to set up a lawsuit and a mother who doesn’t believe in vaccinations.

A family arrives at the clinic, claiming to have an appointment with House even though it’s a walk-in clinic. They even have a letter that is supposedly from House, although House doesn’t write letters. House realizes Dr. Cameron wrote the letter, but agrees to see the patient anyway. Dan is a 16-year-old lacrosse player who has been suffering from double vision and night terrors. House says that post-traumatic stress and sexual abuse are two common factors. Dan admits he recently suffered a head injury during a game of lacrosse. House tells him to get glasses for the double vision and to just deal with the night terrors until his concussion passes.

Later, as the kid and his family are leaving, House notices Dan’s foot twitching. House asks him if he’s tired or is about to fall asleep. He isn’t. House says the myoclonic jerk is common when a person is falling asleep. The body misinterprets the falling pulse as dying and jolts you awake. He tells his staff to admit the boy right away.

Later, House bets Dr. Foreman that the dad isn’t Dan’s biological father, and they can’t rule out genetic causes yet. That night, Dan has another horrifying night terror that House is cutting his toe off. The night terror shows up on the polysonagraph. However, the tests give no explanation for the symptoms. The MRI shows that there is significant blockage, and a shunt is inserted to relieve the pressure.

That night, Dan goes missing. After a search through the hospital, Cameron, Chase, and Foreman find him on the roof. Dan thinks he’s on the lacrosse field. Right before he nearly walks off the edge of the roof, Foreman tackles him. The next morning, Foreman explains the previous night’s events to House, who realizes that Dan isn’t having night terrors - just hallucinations. This rules out their previous theory of MS, but shows that Dan must have an infection in his brain, like neurosyphilis.

Later, as penicillin is being injected into Dan’s brain, he hears voices in his head again. An auditory hallucination disproves neurosyphilis. House later does a DNA test when he finds the boy’s parents’ lunches in the hospital. He discovers that neither is the boy’s biological parents, and that he was adopted as a baby. It turns out that his birth mother was not vaccinated. Dan caught a basic measles virus from his mother that mutated and reappeared 16 years later in his brain. He suggests injecting a needle into Dan’s eye to do a biopsy on his retina. The test results show that he will need a dangerous brain surgery. However, the surgery is effective and Dan will
recover. Dan later tells House that he knew that he was adopted ever since fifth grade, but never told his parents.
Occam’s Razor

Season 1
Episode Number: 3
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Tuesday November 30, 2004 on FOX
Writer: David Shore
Director: Bryan Singer
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Marco Pelaez (Hospital Pharmacist)
Guest Stars: Kevin Zegers (Brandon Merrell), Faith Prince (Becky Merrell), Alexis Thorpe (Mindy), Lauren Cohn (Jodi Matthews), Jason Stuart (Adam Brown), Ben Campbell (Jerry Morris), John Kelly (Robert Marrell), Joshua Wolf Coleman (Suburban Pharmacist), Beth Hall (Shelby Lever)
Production Code: HOU-102
Summary: A college student collapses after rowdy sex with his girlfriend. While House and his team attempt to determine the cause, the student’s condition continues to deteriorate and his symptoms multiply complicating the diagnosis.

Brandon, a 22-year old male, passed out after having sex with his fiancée. He had been complaining about a cough and a rash beforehand. Now he is suffering severe abdominal pain, nausea, fever and low blood pressure.

A quick scan and exam reveal nothing, so House and team look for alternate answers. Dr. Cameron points out that no condition accounts for this many symptoms. House realizes they need to control the patient’s blood pressure first, and they run a core stem test and an EKG test among others.

The tests don’t reveal much, but Dr. Foreman sees a result that signifies that the antibiotic treatment is shutting down Brandon’s kidneys. Foreman theorizes that Brandon has a heart infection, not a stomach infection, which explains each symptom. Yet this is a 10 million to 1 shot. House, looking at a list of Brandon’s symptoms, offers that two possible conditions combined – a sinus infection and hypothyroidism – account for all of Brandon’s symptoms. And that’s only a million to 1 shot. Since there’s no time to wait for test results, he wants to start treating the sinus and thyroid immediately.

Foreman checks in on Brandon. The patient is feeling better but is still stuck with a cough. Foreman reports that Brandon tested negative for hypothyroidism. He insists that it can’t be two illnesses and House’s treatment regimen will only harm Brandon’s liver. It could even kill him. House offers Foreman a $50 bet. If Brandon’s white blood count goes up, Foreman is correct in presuming that he’s actually fighting off an infection.

Brandon’s white blood cell count drops. Both of their hypotheses were wrong. If Brandon gets so much as a cold, his body won’t be able to fight it off and he will die. House has a revelation. He asks Dr. Wilson which of Brandon’s symptoms came first. It was the coughing.

After a little research, House knows the answer. Brandon had visited a doctor for his cough and his prescription for cough medicine was accidentally filled with gout medicine. That medicine stops mytosis, the process in which cells divide and replace dead cells. This is not occurring, which explains each of the symptoms. But Dr. Cameron points out that Brandon did improve, but then worsened after checking into the hospital and stopping the gout medicine.

House meets with Brandon’s parents and demands to know who prescribed the cough medicine which led to their son’s deterioration. His mother gave it to him. She produces the pill bottle,
which validates House’s thinking. Chase and Brandon’s mother visit the pharmacy. Brandon was indeed taking cough medicine and not gout medicine, disproving House’s theory. House is incredibly annoyed that his elegant, thoughtful hypothesis wasn’t proven right.

Dr. Wilson suggests exploratory surgery to find out what’s in Brandon’s blood. During the prep for surgery, Brandon’s heart stops beating and the doctors shock him back to life. Cameron tells House about the surgery emergency and also mentions that Brandon is experiencing pain in his fingers. House has another revelation. He barges into Brandon’s clean room and announces his diagnosis of colchicine poisoning. The order of Brandon’s symptoms fits perfectly, which means that Brandon is doing drugs. Brandon admits that he’s done ecstasy twice, which House notes is cut with colchicine. A quick fix and Brandon will be just fine.

House is still not ready to give up his theory about the wrong cough medicine and is looking through all the bottles in the hospital pharmacy. In the meantime, though Brandon is improving, his cough still persists. When Cameron give him his cough pills he notices that they don’t have a letter as the earlier pills had. At the same time we see a very relieved House who has plain cough pills in one hand and the pills with the letter in the other.
Maternity

Season 1
Episode Number: 4
Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Tuesday December 7, 2004 on FOX
Writer: Peter Blake (IV)
Director: Newton Thomas Sigel
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Guest Stars: Ever Carradine (Karen Hartig), Kenneth Choi (Dr. Lim), Benjamin Parrillo (Dr. Kubisak), Sam Trammell (Ethan Hartig), Cress Williams (Hospital Attorney), Dwight Armstrong (Charlie), Nate Torrence (Young Man), Jocelyn Jackson (Young Woman), Hedy Burress (Jill), Melissa Marsala (Lupino), Alexandra Bokyun Chun (Kim Chen), Madison Bauer (Soap Patient), Marc Menard (Soap Doctor), Shawn Carter Peterson (Male Med Student), Donna Stearns (Volunteer)
Production Code: HOU-104
Summary: When a virus is spreading among the hospital, infecting six babies, House and his team must make decisions that could compromise the lives of the babies.

While in the hospital, the newborn Hartig daughter spits up and the mother is concerned because the baby hasn’t eaten anything yet. The baby suffers a seizure. Later, a doctor who was in the room recounts the incident to another doctor in the lounge. He discusses the baby’s bowel obstruction. House overhears their chat and quickly leaves.

House presents Baby Hartig to his staff as Exhibit A. Exhibit B is Baby Hausen, another newborn who is also ill. House thinks an infection is spreading throughout the hospital, but Dr. Cuddy isn’t buying it. House tours his doctors in the maternity ward to check the twelve newborns in the hospital. Nothing. But they do find one more baby upstairs with a sudden fever and similar symptoms.

House and crew discuss three sick babies and the symptoms. With a spike in fever and low blood pressure, these children could be dead in one day. The group thinks it might be a bacterial infection. Since there’s no time to wait for test results, House orders the treatments to be started. Each baby gets an MRI. Nothing shows up on the scan, so the doctors continue administering two antibacterials. One of them starts causing the kidneys to shut down in two of the three babies. But which one? House says there’s no point in guessing, so he takes Baby Hartig off the Astrianam medication and Baby Chin-Lopino off the Vincomiacin.

Dr. Cuddy and a hospital lawyer refuse to allow House to change the treatments without informing the parents. He pleads that this experiment will save at least six more babies, so Cuddy gives him the green light. Later, the Chin-Lopino baby’s health begins to worsen with a falling heart rate and blood pressure. The doctors rush in and try to shock the baby back to life, but it dies. The Astrianam doesn’t work. House instructs his staff to cover the rest of the babies with Vincomiacin.

Chase informs the team that the Vincomiacin isn’t working either as the Hartig baby is getting worse. Perhaps it isn’t a bacterial infection. House performs an autopsy on Baby Chin-Lopino and devises a theory that it’s a virus and not a bacteria that is affecting the babies’ hearts. Foreman complains that it could be any one of a thousand different viruses. However, with the amount of blood in the babies’ bodies, they can only run five or six tests. So House tries to narrow down the list of possibilities, and ends up with eight. That is still too many with a limited amount of
blood to be drawn. Chase gets to work. House also has Cuddy take blood from the one healthy newborn in the hospital to use as a control group.

The sick babies all test positive for Echo virus 11, CMV and Parvo virus B19. The healthy baby tested positive for Echo and CMV antibodies. House realizes that these infants still have their mothers’ blood and immune systems, so he orders a test on the mothers to see what they have antibodies for. Whatever the women are missing is what is killing their kids. After more testing, the doctors settle on Echo virus 11. They have an experimental anti-virus in the hospital and give it a shot.

Chase and Foreman bring good news to the Hartigs. Their baby is recovering. All of the babies are recovering. That night, House is still obsessed with determining the person who was spreading the virus. He observes an elderly maternity ward volunteer coughing and wiping her nose as she pushes around a cart of baby toys and stuffed animals, and puts the last piece in place.
Damned If You Do

Season 1
Episode Number: 5
Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Tuesday December 14, 2004 on FOX
Writer: Sara B. Cooper
Director: Greg Yaitanes
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Guest Stars: Elizabeth Mitchell (Sister Mary Augustine), Lucinda Jenney (Sister Mary Eucharist), Taji Coleman (Tech), James Symington (Priest), Dakin Matthews (Marvin/Santa Claus Guy), Ann Dowd (Mother Superior), Lori Rom (Sister Mary Pius)
Production Code: HOU-106
Summary: A nun whose hands are red, swollen and cracked is sent to House. The nun believes it is stigmata, but House suspects an allergic reaction. He gives her some pills, which cause her to become unable to breathe. As her condition worsens, her fellow sisters pray for her while House and his team work to discover the cause of her illness while House has to wonder if he misadministered the illness.

House’s new patient, Sister Augustine, has hands red with boils. While her fellow nuns suspect stigmata, House suspects dermatitis brought on by an allergic reaction to dish soap. He gives her an antihistamine, suggests over-the-counter cortisone cream, and sends the good Sister on her way. Unfortunately, the antihistamine leaves Sister Augustine gasping for air. House believes it is an asthma attack caused by an allergic reaction to the pill. He notices a rapid heartbeat and calls for a nurse.

Dr. Cuddy is certain that House made a mistake and possibly gave the nun the wrong dosage. Cuddy will have to notify hospital attorneys within 24 hours if House can’t find an underlying cause for the heart failure. He runs his team through possible explanations. Cameron wonders if it is a disease that gives patients only five years to live with treatment. Foreman goes the easier route – House messed up.

Sister Augustine goes into MRI, but inside the tube she becomes frantic about a smell. The doctors cancel the test and Sister Augustine screams that Jesus is coming for her. Suddenly, she suffers convulsions. Foreman notices a rash appear on the Sister’s leg as he’s holding her down. He finds out that the nun tested positive for herpetic encephalitis which causes a weakened immune system. This same symptom can be triggered by the medicine House gave her earlier. The group tries to figure out other possible causes.

Mixed connective tissue disease? The treatment for that disease is prednisone, which caused these problems in the first place. House recommends a radical treatment - a hyperbaric oxygen chamber. Foreman is concerned that will make things even worse. Foreman goes to Cuddy and she becomes alarmed at the rash hyperbaric treatment. Cuddy pulls House off Sister Augustine’s case.

Cuddy meets with Cameron, Foreman and Chase to discuss potential treatments. House, meanwhile, asks Chase if Sister Augustine is hiding something. Chase suggests talking to the Mother Superior and House pays a visit to the convent. The Mother Superior discusses Augustine’s troubled past as a foster child and the woman’s self-aborted pregnancy. That doesn’t interest House, but the tasty tea that the convent serves does.

It is figwort tea, which when mixed with even the smallest level of epinephrine causes instant cardiac arrest. House was correct all along. However, there is some allergy still lurking that has
gone untreated for so long that it has manifested into a monster. House decides to introduce various allergens until one causes a reaction. Sister Augustine is placed into a hypoallergenic room but still goes into convulsions. The doctors are baffled. What in this sterile environment could make a person react so violently?

Sister Augustine decides that God wants to take her, so she requests to go back to the convent. House yells at her for constantly running away from her problems. Sister Augustine mentions that she has God inside her, which gives House a revelation. Examining x-rays, the doctors find a copper cross IUD inside Sister Augustine’s uterus. She is allergic to copper.
The Socratic Method

Season 1
Episode Number: 6
Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Tuesday December 21, 2004 on FOX
Writer: John Mankiewicz
Director: Peter Medak
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Guest Stars: Stacy Edwards (Lucy Palmeiro), Aaron Himelstein (Luke Palmeiro), John Prosky (Dr. Bergin), Sonya Eddy (Sally), Pat Musick (Trina Wyatt), Lilas Lane (Terri), Veronica Leigh (Wendy), C. Xavier Drayton (Male Truant Officer)
Production Code: HOU-103
Summary: Dr. House is intrigued by the symptoms of a schizophrenic woman, who displays mixed symptoms, including a tumor, but soon realizes the source of her problems isn’t the obvious. House confronts his birthday and Chase confronts his past when the mother’s son tries to keep up with her condition.

A mother, Lucille Palmeiro, is hearing voices in her head. She feels a sharp pain in her leg, which turns out to be a blood clot. At the same time, Lucille’s son, Luke, is working with a disability counselor to keep his mother’s benefit checks coming in. She was diagnosed with schizophrenia last year. The clot moves to the Lucille’s lungs and she collapses.

After Lucille is stabilized, a doctor explains her condition to Luke. The doctor is concerned that Luke is giving his mother alcohol, which he claims calms her down. House, overhearing the doctor’s lecture, takes an interest in the case.

Why did this 38-year old woman develop a deep vein thrombosis? Dr. Wilson thinks House’s only attraction to the case is the schizophrenia. House claims otherwise and drops in on the patient, which shocks Foreman and Chase. During his visit, House learns that Lucille has tremors which prevent her from shaving her legs. She must be bleeding more when she cuts herself. House orders a round of blood work.

Foreman tries to draw blood, but Lucille resists, exclaiming that they’re going to steal it. She has to be forcibly restrained. Luke is upset with House for giving his mother Haldol to knock her out. She claims that Haldol makes her soul numb. That night, Lucille begins vomiting huge amounts of blood.

House upbraids Foreman for the dose of Haldol. House wonders if a Vitamin K deficiency explains the delay between the blood test and the vomiting. Foreman and Chase check the patient’s home for any unused ampicillin, which was prescribed earlier this year for a sore throat. Foreman finds a strongbox filled with meds, including an untouched bottle of ampicillin. They also find a freezer loaded with microwave burgers. Luke says that’s all she eats. House’s theory about Vitamin K is becoming stronger.

Chase refuses to believe that the cause is merely a Vitamin K deficiency. He’s sticking with alcohol as the cause. Chase and Cameron ultrasound Lucille’s liver and find cirrhosis and a cancerous tumor. She needs a transplant because the tumor’s size is past surgical guidelines. House suggests injecting ethanol into the tumor to temporarily shrink it so that the surgeon is fooled.

The surgeon operates, but is angry about House falsely shrinking the tumor. Social Services shows up to take Luke away. House starts to wonder if Lucille is actually crazy. That night,
House accuses her of calling Social Services so that somebody will take care of her son. House agrees with the call, but that is a sane decision made from self-sacrifice, and that doesn’t fit in with schizophrenia.

Late that night, House has a revelation and begins calling Lucille’s old doctors. They all hang up on him because it’s so late. House thinks a specialist made an easy diagnosis. He gathers his team to search for other explanations to her symptoms. Wilson’s disease is marked by high copper levels in the body. That does explain the cirrhosis. Seeing that Lucille cancelled an eye exam last year, they give her a quick test. The copper-colored rings around her corneas are a dead giveaway. The doctors start treating her for Wilson’s disease.

Within a few days, a perfectly cogent Lucille is happily reunited with Luke. And House takes the blame for the call to Social Services.
Fidelity

Season 1
Episode Number: 7
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Tuesday December 28, 2004 on FOX
Writer: Thomas L. Moran
Director: Bryan Spicer
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Guest Stars: Dominic Purcell (Ed Snow), Myndy Crist (Elyce Snow), Clementine Shepherd-Ford (Samantha Campbell), Brennan Elliott (Adam), Henri Lubatti (Head Chef), Endre Hules (Soup Chef), James Conkle (Young Boy)
Production Code: HOU-107
Summary: Two men are out jogging – one of them returns back to his wife and discovers her dead asleep and brings her to the clinic. The doctors are puzzled by her symptoms. They consider everything from tumors to breast cancer to rabbit fever. When all the treatments fail, House concludes she has African sleeping sickness. However, neither the woman nor her husband could possibly have ever been to Africa. The woman will die without the proper treatment, but neither one will admit to having an affair.

After a morning romp with his wife, a man named Ed returned home to find his spouse sick in bed. Elise has remained there for days. At the hospital, Cameron tells House that the patient has been sleeping 18 hours a day, but the tests don’t reveal anything.

House and his team go through the possibilities – Depression? Parasites? House orders new blood work and another MRI. After more testing, Elise is told that there is no answer to her neurological problems. She goes into seizures.

House starts to suspect breast cancer. He also inquires about Elise’s relationship with her husband. Cameron sets up a mammogram, and Elise reveals that her mother was about the same age when she died of cancer. The new tests show no tumors. Wilson thinks it’s a small cell tumor, which is hard to locate. House wants to ignore the tumor until it gets bigger. House sends Foreman to Elise’s workplace at a restaurant. The chef is adamant that the kitchen is perfectly clean.

Cameron is talking to Elise when she complains that her arm itches. Elise then sees her arm burst open and hundreds of ants crawl out. She screeches for the doctors to get them off her. Yet she is only hallucinating. Tests are still inconclusive. House believes that all of Elise’s symptoms fit in with an African sleeping sickness. However, she has never been to Africa and never had a transfusion.

Cameron, Foreman and Chase consider amongst themselves to start treatments anyway, but each of those treatments would cause more problems. House then has a brainstorm. Anything that’s in the blood can be transmitted through sex. He dispatches Foreman and Chase to ask Ed and Elise about their fidelity. They both adamantly deny any affairs.

Elise drops into a coma. The doctors still have no explanation. Again, Ed claims he has not had an affair. House tells Ed that he is going to give her a potentially fatal medicine and needs his consent. If Ed suspects there might have even been one time Elise was unfaithful, then they need to start treatment immediately. Foreman and Chase inject the dangerous medicine.

Elise’s fever rises to 104. Just as House is telling Ed that they should have seen an improvement, Elise comes out of her coma. House tells Elise that he must know who she had an affair
with so that the man can be alerted and given treatment. Elise cries, knowing that Ed has left her. Cameron tracks down Elise’s former lover, who has a young son. The lover is also Ed’s jogging buddy— and best friend—from the beginning of the episode.
A student named Matt begins sweating and grimacing during a test. He stands up and passes out. His body goes into convulsions. Foreman presents the case to House. Matt has a severe case of bradycardia, which means that his heart rate is falling fast. House thinks it’s simply drug use. While Chase is examining the boy, he begins seizing again.

On House’s orders, Foreman and Cameron inspect Matt’s home for signs of drug use. They turn up nothing, but Cameron does find a jar of tomato sauce with the lid popped. This could indicate a bacterial infestation. House says the seizures rule out food borne toxins. Or drug use, as Foreman points out. They suspect some sort of poison.

Matt is hooked up to an IV of pralidoxime. Chase tells the boy’s mother that the blood work is conclusive that an organophosphate is causing Matt’s trouble. Suddenly, Matt’s heart rate plummets. Chase puts zoll pads on Matt’s chest and their electricity brings his heart rate back up.

The doctors are stumped. Foreman mentions an experimental treatment that should work, but they need to know the exact poison. Foreman and Cameron go back to the kid’s house to see what kind of pesticides might be used on the tomato garden. Cameron finds an empty can of disulfoton. Chase prepares an injection of disulfoton hydrolase, but Matt’s mother insists he only used orange peel oil on the garden. He dumped the disulfoton out because he couldn’t use pesticides in his environmental science class. Since the hydrolase would increase the toxicity if they’re wrong, Mom begs Chase not to inject her son.

Cuddy tells House that he will need to get the mother to sign off on rejection of the treatment. He changes the legal language to be slightly more condescending when reading it to her. Mom changes her position. But before they can start Matt on the hydrolase, another patient named
Chi is admitted with identical symptoms. Although the two have never had any contact, they do go to the same school.

Chase and Cameron inspect the school bus that Matt and Chi both rode that morning. The driver noticed a truck spraying near a pond. The country had been spraying ethyl-parathion to fight West Nile virus. There is a hydrolase for that, but Matt’s mother refuses all treatments until she hears from the Centers for Disease Control. Cameron is sent in to talk to her, and she still refuses until an angry Cameron lays it out for her. Mom finally relents.

They administer the hydrolase. Later, both boys go into convulsions. The doctors save them, but the boys are left in terrible shape. It wasn’t ethyl-parathion. They were poisoned in the morning at home. What’s the answer? The lanolin in acne cream or deodorant? Foreman and Cameron head out on another inspection. They find a 128-ounce bottle of TKO detergent in each house. But Chi’s mom says her son wore all-new clothes today that had never been washed. House and Chase salvage Chi’s and Matt’s clothes from the trash and run tests on them. They test positive for phosdrin. Time for another hydrolase.

Matt’s Mom again rejects treatment until she hears from the CDC. House visits her once again. But instead of merely talking, he decides to just sit in the room with the medicine to pressure Mom. As House predicted, the CDC claims they can’t diagnose simply by records. The mother agrees to the third hydrolase. Yet Chase had called her using a fake accent to tell her that the CDC had no opinion. The third time is indeed the charm, as Matt and Chi both recover.

Foreman learns that somebody was selling pants out of the back of his truck. The person’s second job was at a cornfield. Some pesticide was spilled on the pants, which weren’t washed. The boys were poisoned that way.
DNR

Season 1
Episode Number: 9
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Tuesday February 1, 2005 on FOX
Writer: David Foster
Director: Fred Keller
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)

Guest Stars: Brandy Norwood (Herself), Harry J. Lennix (John Henry Giles), Chloe Webb (Cora), Clint Baker (Tommy), David Conrad (Marty Hamilton), Mike Starr (Willie), Richard Sinclair (Doctor), Courtney Henggeler (Server), Victor Raider-Wexler (Judge Winter), Rif Hutton (Morris), Michael Oberlander (Ross), Dennis Howard (Chaplain)

Production Code: HOU-110
Summary: Legendary jazz musician John Henry Giles is checked into the hospital and when he's told he's dying from ALS, he signs a DNR to avoid a slow death. House disagrees with the diagnosis and goes against everyone's wishes when he violates the DNR to save Giles' life. The decision lands House in court, drives Foreman to consider taking another job, and results in Giles' paralysis worsening. But when the patient inexplicably starts getting better, the team has to figure out the mystery in reverse and find out why his condition is improving. Meanwhile, Dr. Foreman meets with an old friend who offers him a West Coast partnership.

A famous but wheelchair-bound jazz musician, John Henry Giles, is at a gig. By mid-session he collapses due to lack of oxygen. Later at the clinic House is intrigued with the fact that Henry has been paralyzed for two years without anybody finding an explanation.

The team starts looking for explanations. Henry's primary doctor, Hamilton, already diagnosed ALS, but House doesn't buy this. He talks Foreman into administering IVIG, which later causes Giles to crash. Just as Chase wants to intubate Foreman mentions that the patient has signed a "Do Not Resuscitate" form, but House doesn't give anything about it and intubates anyway.

House is sued for battery. Cuddy supports him in this case telling him that she expected $50,000 per year just for lawyers when she signed him. Foreman on the other hand calls in Dr. Hamilton, who flies in from Los Angeles.

House wins the case with a judicial dodge and wants Chase and Cameron to administer cytoxan, which treats Wegener's disease - a shot in the dark. If he's wrong, Chase and Cameron could lose their medical licenses. Chase checks on the lung biopsy, but only sees an inflammation.

Dr. Hamilton finally shows up and tells House that he wants to pull the plug. House tells Hamilton that Henry won't be able to breathe if it is Wegener's. Hamilton says that his tests for Wegener's came up negative, so he turns off life support. Henry breathes on his own - it's not Wegener's. However, Henry's arm is paralyzed now as well. Another sign for ALS? House doesn't think so and talks Henry into taking an MRI, which shows that Henry actually had a stroke. They go in for brain surgery and succeed in restoring his arm. The doctors are baffled, however, when Henry claims to be able to move his legs again.

Meanwhile Hamilton (who is his old friend) offers Foreman a job that pays three times as much. As he mentions the offer to Chase and Cameron they tell him that they are not in it for the money and they also don't hate House like Foreman does.
House has an idea how to find out which medication helped Henry. He wants to take him off the dozen drugs he's currently getting, then restart the dosage one by one.

Later Hamilton asks House which medication Henry was being treated with, because the patient’s condition is worsening. House re-prescribes steroids and a second MRI. During the MRI Foreman and House discuss their working relationship. House tells Foreman to work for who he thinks is the better doctor, House or Hamilton.

The MRI results surprise everybody because they show that Henry is suffering from Arteriovenous Malformation, which was compressing his spine and ultimately causing the paralysis. Foreman wonders how Hamilton could have missed something that simple, but House points out that they all did. He thinks that something disguised it on the MRI.

They realize that it was the inflammation they originally saw on the MRI. The steroids treated the inflammation which allowed them to detect the AVM. They succeed in removing the AVM during a surgery and John Henry Giles walks out of the hospital without his wheelchair.
A woman is desperate to score some drugs. She heads to a house rave to get her fix, but doesn’t have the $20 to get in. She begs to be allowed in to see her dealer, James. Once inside, the cops bust the party and the woman freaks out.

Wilson sums up her case for Foreman. A homeless woman was admitted with a suspected overdose. She has no ID and doesn’t seem to know her name. She’s got lesions on her skin and a twitchy wrist. Foreman is not happy to be handed this case. When the women seizes, he is skeptical that she’s not merely acting. Foreman inspect her purse for insulin, suspecting diabetes.

Wilson goes to House for a second opinion. Foreman refuses to back down. House is more interested in who this woman is and her history. The next day, Chase sees the woman drawing and asks, ”Who’s James?” She freaks out and bites Foreman when he tries to help, drawing blood. Foreman bucks the rules to get the patient into an immediate MRI, using another person’s name and appointment time. Cuddy shuts the MRI down before they can proceed because a CT scan shows that the patient has a surgical pin in her arm. The MRI would’ve ripped it out of her body. They can’t proceed until they know who this woman is.

Using one of the woman’s sketches as a clue, Foreman checks out a neighborhood. A homeless man directs him to a box where she lived. Foreman finds the box infested with bats. He also finds more sketches.

House removes the surgical pin and runs the serial number on it to learn that the patient broke her arm in a car accident on October 2, 2002. House confesses that he only wanted the MRI so he’d have an excuse to take out the surgical pin. The patient’s name is Victoria Matson.
Foreman checks out Victoria's blood work and realizes that she's allergic to iron dextran, which they were administering to treat low magnesium and electrolytes. They find Victoria in respiratory arrest due to the allergic reaction, but the doctors are able to save her.

Cameron has various records for Victoria Matson from area hospitals. There is nothing alarming, except for one ultrasound performed and one ultrasound appointment cancelled. Wilson suspects that doctors were looking for ovarian cancer. House orders an ultrasound of her ovaries. The test indeed shows cancer. House wonders if it's a tuberculoma mass, admitting that it's a long shot. He instructs his charge to start Victoria on INH, rifampin and streptomycin to treat tuberculoma.

Foreman tries to give Victoria some antibiotics, and inquires about James. She has another fit. Victoria now thinks the sunlight is burning her and that the water they gave her is poison. Foreman sedates her, reporting to House that she has a fever of 105. It can't be tuberculoma, because the treatment isn't working. Chase has the lab report from Victoria's biopsy. It is tuberculoma. House is confused why he was right about the diagnosis but its treatment is killing Victoria.

The team sets off to figure out what else Victoria has that would cause this reaction. If it's bacterial infection, then they would need to order a blood and urine test, plus a chest X-ray. The doctors also put her on an ice bath to fight the fever. The tests show nothing significant. House's crew suspects meningitis, but when they go to Victoria's room she is gone. Yet she drew a comic strip on the wall depicting a superhero who is searching for James. After a time, paramedics bring a semi-conscious Victoria into the hospital. Her heart is racing.

House realizes that Victoria's heart was racing because a cop tasered her. However, she didn't feel it hit her thigh because she has no sensitivity there. He takes a needle and pokes Foreman in the wrist where Victoria bit him earlier. He doesn't feel it either. Finally, Houses knows that it is rabies that has been afflicting Victoria. Although it is incredibly rare, a homeless person wouldn't get shots after being bitten. The bats in Victoria's cardboard box are the most likely culprit. Unfortunately, it's too late for treatment and Victoria will die in the next day or two.

Foreman, meanwhile, gets a shot in the gut to treat his rabies and then sets out to find the mysterious James. Foreman and Wilson head to the rave party house, and using more of Victoria's sketches as a guide, find a strongbox that contains photos of a normal Victoria looking happy with some man. They also find a marriage certificate for Victoria and a man named Paul, as well as a birth certificate for James, her son. They dig up a newspaper clipping about the car crash in which Victoria broke her arm. Paul and James were killed in the wreck where she was driving.

Foreman goes to Victoria's bedside, claiming to be Paul. He tells her that he's come to forgive her for the accident. In her stupor, she believes him and tearfully apologizes.
Detox

Season 1
Episode Number: 11
Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Tuesday February 15, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Lawrence Kaplow, Thomas L. Moran
Director: Nelson McCormick
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Marco Pelaez (Pharmacist)
Guest Stars: Akiko Morison (Anesthesiologist), Maurice Godin (Dr. Hourani), Amanda Seyfried (Pam), Nicholas D'Agosto (Keith Foster), America Olivo (Ingrid), Mark Harelik (Mr. Foster)
Production Code: HOU-112
Summary: While trying to figure out why a young patient won’t stop bleeding after a car wreck, House takes Cuddy’s challenge and goes off Vicodin for a week in exchange for no clinic duty for a month. If House and his team can’t determine the source of his patient’s blood loss, the 16-year-old car victim will die in a matter of days. As House’s withdrawal symptoms become more and more severe, his patient directives for his patient are more harsh and risky than usual, and Foreman and Cameron are afraid he may not be thinking clearly enough to save the patient’s life.

A teenage couple decides to go for a drive in his dad’s Porsche. The boy, named Keith, begins choking and coughing up blood. Distracted, the girl spins the car out and they are broadsided by a bus.

Cameron presents the case: the 16-year old victim of M.V.A. has been in an out of the hospital with internal bleeding for three weeks. House attributes it to the car crash, but Cameron says the bleeding started before the crash. House is more interested in getting his Vicodin prescription refilled but the pharmacy is empty. Cuddy sees House popping more Vicodin and challenges him to quit his addiction. He says he takes it to treat the pain, so she offers a month free from clinic duty if he goes a week without pills.

Cameron mentions that the victim has non-inherited hemolytic anemia, which is incredibly rare. House dismisses it as meningitis, but that’s not it either. He calls his group together and tells them they have to figure out why the patient’s red blood cells are supplying oxygen to the body. House instructs them to run tests for an infection, as well as Lupus, drug use and cancer.

In talking to the patient’s father, Cameron learns that Keith’s girlfriend was formerly in rehab and that his mother died of pancreatic cancer. The radioimmunoassay test is negative on drug use. A Gallium scan shows no infection and a radioactive isotope injected into the bloodstream shows no inflammation. The Lupus test comes up negative as well. Wilson performs a biopsy to check for lymphoma, but that too is wrong.

While the doctors mull other possibilities, Keith complains that he has something in his eye. The doctors find nothing, but Keith still can’t see. Foreman observes a retinal clot. However, any treatment for the clot would kill him because of his low blood flow. They have two hours to save either his eye or his life. House asks his team how something could be causing both internal bleeding and clotting. Infection causes clotting, so what would be hiding from the Gallium scan? It must be a cardiac clot that flicks off and travels to the eye.

Chase performs an echocardiogram on Keith’s heart, but begrudgingly admits that they are not going to treat his eye. The blindness will become permanent. Chase later tells House that the
test showed no cardiac infection. House has him up the antibiotics. Chase thinks he can remove some liquid from the eye itself to make room for the clot to move out on its own. Chase leaves and House backs against a wall. He's in tremendous pain.

With a needle, Chase removes some vitreous humor from the eye which helps Keith see again. After the procedure, Keith's girlfriend comes in and kisses him. He vomits. The doctors rush him to the ICU. His liver is shutting down and he is dying. Keith's father is enraged. Cameron asks House if proving Cuddy wrong is worth all of this.

The team wonders what would cause liver damage. Hemolytic anemia is ruled out. House suggests hepatitis-E, even though Lupus is more likely. House thinks they need to rule out hep-E because it has no treatment, so he instructs the group to give Keith mendrol, which will react with the hep-E to make him worse. If not, they'll know that Lupus is the cause. Outside, Foreman tells Cameron that House is detoxing from Vicodin and is losing his mind. In his office, House sweats in pain.

Cameron tells Keith's father that she believes his son is afflicted with Lupus. To distract himself from the pain, House smashes himself with a paperweight and breaks a bone in his hand. As Cameron is treating him, Cuddy demands to know why House had Cameron lie. Now Keith's father wants his son either treated for Lupus or transferred. But when Cameron tells him that Keith is too weak to be moved, he relents.

Chase and Cameron prepare to begin the treatment and Keith starts to hallucinate. Cameron notices that Keith is bleeding profusely from the rectum and is going into hypovolemic shock. An angiography later reveals major internal bleeding, severe hemodynamic compromise and complete liver failure. Cameron says that hallucinations are from psychosis, which proves that Lupus is the cause. She's angry that they had to dally with hep-E because Keith needs a new liver. House still thinks Lupus is the wrong diagnosis, but he asks for Keith to be moved to the top of the transplant list anyway.

In his office, House vomits from the pain. Foreman comes in with a bottle of Vicodin so that he can recover to treat Keith. Cameron and Chase break it to Keith's father that the Lupus is too advanced to treat and the transplant list has over 15,000 patients. House is still pondering who the "Jules" is that Keith yelled out during his hallucination. Keith's father informs them that Jules is their cat who died about a month ago. The girlfriend says that Jules slept in the bed with Keith.

Foreman and Chase exhume the cat. House does an autopsy. At the same time, an emergency liver comes in. Keith is taken into the OR and is prepped. Houses rushes in to stop the surgery, announcing that Keith doesn't have lupoid Hepatitis. He has acute naphthalene toxicity from termites. Termites create the toxin to protect their nests, and judging from the contents of Jules' stomach, Keith's bedroom was also infested with termites. The surgeon refuses to stop, so House spits on him to spread germs everywhere.

In the hallway, the group refuses to believe House's new diagnosis. If it was environmental, Keith would have improved in the hospital. But House explains that naphthalene is fat soluble. Keith was repulsed by the hospital food and hadn't eaten much, so his body started burning fat and the poison poured into his system. Keith's father punches House in the face. House promises that 24 hours of calorie intake will heal Keith. If they do the surgery, it won't solve anything.

Foreman and Chase hammer open a wall in Keith's home bedroom. Termites pour out. House was right. Back at the hospital, Keith is rapidly improving. And House made it through the week without any pills. He comes to the realization that he's addicted, but since he is functioning he'll just keep taking the drugs. Wilson yells at him for changing in the last few years and becoming miserable. He's using his leg and the drugs as an excuse.
Sports Medicine

Season 1
Episode Number: 12
Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Tuesday February 22, 2005 on FOX
Writer: John Mankiewicz, David Shore
Director: Keith Gordon
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Guest Stars: Scott Foley (Hank Wiggen), Bryan Singer (Himself), Meredith Monroe (Lola), Art LaFleur (Warner Fitch), Salli Richardson-Whitfield (Sharon), Deirdre M. Smith (Carol Moffatt), Timothy McNeil (Patient #2), Sean Everett (Patient #4), Richard Swaidan (College Student)
Production Code: HOU-109
Summary: A severely broken arm reveals a bizarre case of bone loss and ends the comeback plans of major league pitcher Hank Wiggen. House suspects Hank – with a history of drug abuse – is lying about using steroids, as his condition worsens. When Hank’s kidneys start to fail, his wife offers to donate hers, but she would have to abort her early pregnancy. Forced into an impossible solution, and admitting failure as an addict, Hank tries to take his own life. House and his team must isolate and fix the problem soon if this pitcher’s life, as well his career, can be saved. Meanwhile, Foreman dates a pharmaceutical representative and House is stuck with two tickets and ends up going on a “date” to a monster truck rally.

Baseball player Hank Wiggen is making an anti-drug commercial and notes he himself has taken drunks. But when Wiggen winds up for a pitch, his right arm snaps and he collapses in pain.

At the clinic, Hank is undergoing treatment and the diagnosis is osteopedy – thinness of the bones. Wilson can’t figure it out and calls in House, since Hank’s body won’t withstand the treatment he needs to pitch. Meanwhile Foreman is going to bed with Sharon, a pharmaceutical representative. When he arrives late (with a “my car broke down” excuse), in the conference room they determine he’s having kidney problems as well. Foreman suspects steroids and everyone agrees, but Hank denies steroid use and refuses a urine test – his girlfriend Lola backs him up, but Chase gets it anyway.

Cameron is going to an oncology dinner on Friday that Wilson is at. The steroid test turns negative, but House doesn’t believe him. He puts Wiggen on lupra, but he goes into respiratory arrest, indicating he has some other problem. The team suspect Addison’s disease, which requires... steroid treatment, which will hurt his kidneys. House confronts Hank who eventually admits that his pitching coach, Warren, gave him something to increase muscle. House asks Cuddy to put Hank on the kidney-transplant list but she turns him down.

Wiggen’s girlfriend Lola offers her own kidney while Foreman tries to get out of the oncology dinner. House reveals he’s gotten tickets... for a monster truck jam. But Wilson turns him down. House reveals to Lola that she’s pregnant, and can’t donate her kidney. She considers an abortion so she can donate, against Hank’s wishes. House ends up asking Cameron to the monster truck jam, and she agrees... after revealing Wilson cancelled his speech a couple of weeks ago.

Wiggen’s potassium level is up, putting him into cardiac arrest and eliminating the possibility of Addison’s and the necessity of the transplant. They manage to stabilize him but then Wiggen
starts hallucinating. They conclude Wiggen is taking digitalis, which accounts for the current symptoms – House figures out Hank got them from his coach, who has a heart condition and takes digitalis, and stole them to commit suicide. House orders them to continue with the transplant based on his original diagnosis before the digitalis symptoms, but Hank refuses and the Addison treatment continues. Hank accidentally spills his urine bag on House.

House confronts Wilson over his lie and Wilson admits he’s meeting with an old friend, Stacy, a Constitutional lawyer who was involved with House in the past. House says its okay then meets with Lola and notices she doesn’t smell the urine on him. House and the others meet with Sharon and he figures out Foreman is secretly dating her. Then he reveals that Lola can’t smell because of an overdose of cadmium, which they got from taking cadmium-laced marijuana. Lola had quit (but not before losing her sense of smell) but Hank was taking it for the pain and lying about it. Lola’s baby is safe and House lies on the medical report so Hank can continue playing baseball.

Hank recovers, and House and Cameron have a great time at the monster truck jam.
House, MD Episode Guide

Cursed

Season 1
Episode Number: 13
Season Episode: 13

Originally aired: Tuesday March 1, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Matt Witten, Peter Blake (IV)
Director: Daniel Sackheim
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Guest Stars: David Henrie (Tommy), Tracy Middendorf (Sarah Rilek), Nestor Carbonell (Jeffrey Rilek), R.J. Root (Sam), Jack Walsh (Ozzy), Alejandro Patino (Cabbie), Abbey McBride (Blonde), Dennis Bendersky (Davey), Daryl Sabara (Gabriel Rilek), Patrick Bauchau (Dr. Rowan Chase)
Production Code: HOU-113
Summary: A 12-year-old boy believes he’s cursed after a Ouija board tells him he’s going to die, and his father makes increasing demands on House as they try to diagnose the boy’s pneumonia-like symptoms and incongruous rash. Meanwhile, Chase’s estranged father, a renowned doctor from Australia, visits and House invites him to sit in, much to Chase’s discomfort. When House diagnoses the boy’s illnesses, the young patient is forced to face the idea that his father may not be everything he believes.

In a dusty attic, a young boy, Gabriel trips as he gets together with some other boys for a club. They start playing with an Ouija board and when asked who will die in a year, it “spells” out Gabe’s name. A week or so later, Gabe comes down with a fever then collapses. He’s taken to the clinic where House suspects pneumonia, particularly since Gabe’s parents are major donors to the clinic. Signs of a rash suggest something else and they suspect ticks or any sexual activity. It soon becomes clear that the father is a bit of a control freak and the parents are separated. Chase starts to bond with the boy and then his father Rowan arrives and it’s clear they have issues.

Chase goes to the house to take a sample but has to make his escape when the cops arrive. The insulation samples show animal hair and cotton, and a CT scan shows the boy apparently has naturally occurring anthrax. The father, Jeffrey, soon starts dictating treatment but Gabriel’s airway starts closing up and the team inserts a tube to keep him breathing and Foreman manages to get a tube in. The team suspects an allergy but it would have to be to two different antibodies. House asks Chase’s father to step in and they agree it’s not anthrax and come up with a diagnosis of sardecosis (sic). But before they can apply treatment, Chase notices narcosis (blackening of the rash), suggesting they have sardecosis and anthrax. House agrees and they apply treatment to both, but then Gabe breaks out in serious lesion across his back.

When Chase bows out, House takes the team to him during a consultation. House agrees with Chase Sr.’s analysis, much to Chase’s dismay. When they go ahead with Chase Sr.’s treatment, Chase argues he’s wrong and they get into a fight over Chase Sr. leaving and his wife/Chase’s mother dying after a long bout with alcoholism. House figures out Chase Sr. is making an excuse to meet with Chase, and that he’s suffering from lung cancer and will die in three months. Meanwhile, Gabe’s right hand and arm is paralyzed as his condition continues to deteriorate.

Chase Sr. concedes his son may have been right and they order a MRT which turns up negative on neural fibertosis – Chase’s diagnosis. House figures Gabe’s dad was in southeast Asia, despite his denials, and was seeing a guru rather then a test pilot like he told his son.
House concludes it’s leprosy and the dad has it – it’s just slower in him. The leprosy made Gabe vulnerable to the anthrax and then the antibiotics made his condition worse, attacking his fat cells and causing the lesions. Both the boy and his father receive treatment and improve.

When Gabe is disappointed over his father’s lies, Chase consoles him and then meets with his own father and they exchange a hug, but Chase is none the wiser that his father is dying.
A businesswoman, Carly, is planning a business acquisition in Asia when her leg is paralysed and she calls an abrupt end to the meeting. She comes to the clinic for treatment while Cuddy announces their new chairman of the board, Edmund Vogler, who has donated $100 million to the clinic. Vogler is big on running the clinic as a business, and naturally House catches his attention. House is equally skeptical, believing Vogler plans on using the clinic for experimentation.

The tests on Carly prove negative but she is in incredible pain. Cameron, trying out new management techniques, suspects cancer. While they test Carly further, House is intrigued by the father of a patient who is rendered mute after knee surgery and received a large settlement from the clinic. Wilson determines Carly doesn't have cancer in her leg but suspects colon surgery via transferred pain, but she refuses to be invasively tested. Wilson comes up with a virtual diagnosis but that comes up clean as well. When House rechecks her angiogram, he discovers her toes are backward – in other words Chase screwed up, as he was flirting with the radiologist at the time. As Forman administers a new angiogram, Carly goes into respiratory arrest as her lungs fill with fluid. They drain off the fluid, while House concludes she's ashamed of something. House concludes she needs a heart transplant but can't reveal anything to Wilson as he's on the transplant committee. Unfortunately Chase and Cameron come to the same conclusion and reveal she needs the transplant.

Vogler is skeptical of the diagnosis department, which is consuming three million a year and only curing one patient a week. House confronts Carly, noting she is bulimic and using ipecac, which is causing the muscle and heart damage. He can't reveal to the upcoming transplant board meeting that she's bulimic, as it would disqualify her from receiving the transplant. Carly reluctantly admits she doesn't want to die and House resolves to lie for her. Cuddy is skeptical of House's story to the board and gets tough on him since Vogler suspects her prior involvement with House (!) might be messing with her judgment. House continues to stick to his story and she gets the transplant.
Even the staff are skeptical of House’s story, and Chase discovers that Carly was taking ipecac. Cameron comes clean admitting she’s been manipulating people out of concerns they like her but don’t respect her, and House claims he doesn’t like her. Carly’s surgery goes well, and House confronts the mute patient whom he believes he cured with a botox injection. The patient won’t concede he can speak because he’ll lose the money he got in the settlement, but House agrees to cover his secret. House shares a moment with Carly and then Vogler finally meets with House. Vogler knows about the ipecac but House denies it – he has tenure and for the moment they’re stuck with it.
A mobster, Joey Arnello, and his brother and lawyer, Bill, are being protected by the Federal government as a witness when Joey has an attack of some sort and goes into a coma. House is given a warrant to check on Arnello, and all the initial tests prove negative. Bill wants House to stall for time so he can convince his brother not to go through with the testimony. Joey inexplicably revives but House doesn’t want him to be released despite his staff’s belief the problem is resolved. Vogler has Joey released since he’s not making money, but he’s brought in two hours later, back in a coma.

Tests show hepatitis-c but it doesn’t account for the sudden onset of symptoms. House lets Chase run with it and takes Forman off the case to make Vogler thinks that he thinks Forman ratted him out to the transplant committee (in "Control"). Bill isn’t happy with Chase’s diagnosis of hepatitis and forbids him to treat Joey for it. Meanwhile, Vogler is insistent on finding a reason to get rid of House, much to Cuddy’s dismay.

House confirms that Joey was raped in prison, which is why Bill doesn’t want him treated for hepatitis – House agrees to cover with a second set of fake records and gets a new car in return. House’s biopsy confirms he doesn’t have hepatitis and suggests Joey was poisoned. They run Joey’s blood through a pig to filter it and buy them time to figure out the poison – a Chinese herb in his candy that reacts with the interferon. House decides to shape up, putting on a lab coat and everything, and says they can release Joey. But Joey goes back into a coma, even worse then before.

They try an experimental treatment with little chance of success while House determines that it’s not a poison affecting Joey but an allergy to steak – Bill snuck in a meal to Joey at the hospital. It doesn’t explain the elevated estrogen levels, but the fact that Joey is taking a herbal aphrodisiac for gay men that contains estrogen. Bill is forced to admit the truth rather then have his brother die. Joey testified so he could go into witness protection and get a new life. The two brothers come to an understanding of sorts while Cuddy reveals Vogler wanted House fired and she managed to buy him some time. But she warns that some things are going to change – he has to do six more clinic hours a month... and fire one of his staff.
Heavy

Season 1
Episode Number: 16
Season Episode: 16

Originally aired: Tuesday March 29, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Thomas L. Moran
Director: Fred Gerber
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Chi McBride (Edward Vogler)
Guest Stars: Rose Colasanti (Cashier), Cynthia Ettinger (Mrs. Simms), Ramón Franco (Mr. Hernandez), Karen Goberman (Mrs. Ayers), Teddy Lane Jr. (Mr. Conroy), Susan Slome (Mrs. Lucille Hernandez), Jennifer Stone (Jessica Simms), Alyson Morgan (Clementine), Austin Leisle (Seth), Alec George (Classmate #1), DJ Evans (Classmate #2), Bryan Fabian (Classmate #3)
Production Code: HOU-116
Summary:
House must fire one of his doctors and leaves them to think about it while they deal with an overweight 10-year old child who suffered a heart attack as the result of taking diet pills. House is also faced with a woman who won’t accept surgery for a 30 lb. tumor because she wants to remain overweight.

A 10-year old girl, Jessica, is at home and not feeling well as she’s going off to school. That day while exercising she complains of chest pains and collapses. As House is forced to decide which of his staff members he will fire, Jessica’s case is referred to him and he’s intrigued. They begun to run tests as House drops the news to his staff, and Jessica’s mother disputes that Jessica’s weight is the issue. Meanwhile House meets with an overweight woman, Lucille, suffering from heartburn who refuses to believe she’s pregnant despite House’s claims.

Jessica begins to turn irrational during testing as she apparently becomes hypoglycemic and the doctors are forced to sedate her. The lab tests prove negative for hypoglycemia and they suspect she may be taking diet pills. Meanwhile Vogler starts playing a few games of his own with House’s staff to find out what they’re thinking. And it turns out Lucille has a benign 30 lb. tumor but she refuses surgery believing it will make her ugly to her husband. Forman investigates Jessica’s background and finds she has no friends but was apparently taking diet pills. Jessica admits she was taking the pills and they conclude they’re responsible, but then Jessica starts bleeding from necrosis on her chest.

House suspects she’s reacting to a drug and all but accuses Cameron and Chase of giving Jessica the wrong drug. That sets off another round of in-fighting and Vogler shoots down House’s idea to keep everyone and cut the staff’s pay. Lucille’s husband expresses his concern and wants House to lie to her that it’s cancer so she’ll undergo surgery. Jessica’s necrosis is spreading and they recommend amputation of the breasts – a radical mastectomy. They plan to wait as long as possible but otherwise have no choice.

House confronts Lucille, and he’s deduced she’s sleeping with other men – thus her reluctance to undergo the surgery. Chase meets with Vogler who points out how precarious Chase’s position is if he finds someone else to feed him info on House. As they prepare Jessica for surgery, House deduces that her obesity is a symptom – along with her height (shorter then her parents), he concludes it’s Cushing’s, which causes hyper-cortisone levels that account for her symptoms. They use a MRI to locate the hyper-cortisonism. They find a tumor on the pituitary gland that
accounts for the symptoms. Using surgery, they successfully remove Jessica’s tumor and she starts losing weight.

House goes to Vogler with his decision – he’s firing Chase. However, Vogler refuses to let him fire Chase and tells him to pick someone else... or it’ll be the whole department that is fired. We’re left with Cameron writing up her resume and everyone pondering the situation.
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Role Model

Season 1
Episode Number: 17
Season Episode: 17

Originally aired: Tuesday April 12, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Matt Witten
Director: Peter O'Fallon
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Chi McBride (Edward Vogler), Bobbin Bergstrom (ICU Nurse)
Guest Stars: Joe Morton (Senator Gary H. Wright), Missy Crider (Susan), Elizabeth Karr (Hostess), Dominic Oliver (Reynolds), Sahar Bibiyan (Clinic Nurse)
Production Code: HOU-117
Summary: At a high-level campaign fundraiser, a senator becomes violently ill. Vogler forces House to take the senator's case and offers to let off the hook on firing a team member if he'll deliver a speech on behalf of Vogler's pharmaceutical company. It looks like the senator has AIDS but House refuses to settle for the easy answer. And House ends up giving the speech, but it doesn't go quite as Vogler planned.

At a fundraiser for his Presidential run, Senator Gary Wright is overcome by illness and collapses. At the clinic, Volger asks House to give a speech at a pharmaceutical meeting and offers to relieve House of staff-firing duties if he does so. House also has to examine Wright and believes something is up when he shows a lack of reflex. While they wait for the MRIs, House examines a woman who was pregnant and had a miscarriage but claims she hasn't. House orders a brain biopsy but Cuddy overrides him and they put it to Wright, who agrees. The tests prove negative for a brain tumor but shows a lesion caused by toxoplasmosis – indicative of AIDS.

Wright denies the possibility and refuses to take the pills for treatment, then calls for anonymous testing for AIDS and regular tests for cancer as "cover." The staff find out about it but House isn't interested in Cameron's thanks. The female patient returns with a hickey but still claims she hasn't been with anyone and House orders tests for alcohol and date-rape drugs. The AIDS test on Wright proves positive and when House tries to get a list of Wright's sexual partners, he still claims he couldn't have gotten it from sex. Later Wright's legs go out and House concludes the AIDS test was a false indicator – a second test proves he doesn't have AIDS but he's dying of something else.

Wright's muscular condition continues to deteriorate, while the woman's tests prove negative for any drugs. Now she has a new symptom – a rash on her butt that is a carpet burn. She's waking up exhausted because her ex keeps bothering her. He has her go into a sleep lab while they run more tests on the senator. One shows he has several enlarged lymph nodes but nothing definitive. House confronts Chase, knowing he's lied and is spying for Vogler, but Chase merely notes there's nothing House can do. House suspects Wright has leukemia of the spleen, which may cause his death if they run another biopsy. Before they can run the test, Wright goes into respiratory distress so they can't do the biopsy.

Wright tests negative for leukemia but positive for Epstein-Barr, House determines the woman is sleepwalking to her ex-husband, then takes Wright off the respirator. He concludes that Wright didn't have a childhood accident that led to a scarred tongue, but that he suffers from epilepsy. The drug he took, in combination with Epstein-Barr, causes weakening of the antibodies. They give him the proper treatment and he shows rapidly recovery, while House considers his speech.
Finally the day comes, and as his staff look on, he gives... a one-sentence speech. After Vogler threatens him again, House adds the truth – that the new drug is the same except more expensive. House goes back home to play the piano and gets a visit from Cameron, who quits because of her feelings.
**Babies & Bathwater**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 18  
Season Episode: 18

Originally aired: Tuesday April 19, 2005 on FOX  
Writer: David Shore, Peter Blake (IV)  
Director: Bill Johnson  
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)  
Recurring Role: Chi McBride (Edward Vogler), Ron Perkins (Dr. Simpson)  
Guest Stars: Kenneth Choi (Dr. Lim), Michael Goorjian (Sean Randolph), Marin Hinkle (Naomi Randolph), Reggie Jordan (Anesthesiologist), John Berg (Dr. Prather), S.E. Perry (Officer Davis), Guy Camilleri (Heyden Brown), Kevin Brief (Officer Angle), Diane Sellers (Gail Friedman), Veronica Brown (Female Boardmember), Michael Simpson (Andrew Kaplan), Natalie Shaw (Rachel Kaplan)  
Production Code: HOU-118  
Summary: While House and his team scramble to discover what’s causing brain and kidney dysfunction in a pregnant woman, Vogler is working to get House fired after House’s pharmaceutical speech. House determines the illness, but the woman and her husband must struggle with an emotional and heartbreaking choice: choose between her or that of her unborn child. Vogler calls for a vote to remove House, but when Wilson refuses to make the vote unanimous, Vogler threatens to take his money if Wilson isn’t voted out. Finally, Cuddy must take a stand against Vogler.

A couple are driving through the streets and the pregnant wife is driving her drunk husband. The woman temporarily blacks out and they barely manage to avoid a car wreck. The police show up and think she’s drunk as she begins to act woozy. Then collapses.

Foreman is checking up on the couple and her brain tests prove negative but her kidney and liver look odd – she’s only 28 weeks pregnant. House is indulging in a dream about Vogler when Foreman brings him the news. House in turn gives them the news that Cameron has quit. When Chase and Foreman visit the woman again, she goes into a choking seizure when she tries to swallow. House meets with another couple, the Kaplans, whose baby has pneumonia and is starving due to her parents’ diet for her. Foreman and Chase run tests and the woman, Naomi, apparently goes into premature labor. House meets up with Vogler, who asks for his resignation and public apology, or he’ll “destroy” him.

As House and remaining team discuss Naomi, Wilson talks to House and notifies him of the board meeting, warning him that Vogler can make him miserable despite House’s contract and the anonymous vote required to withdraw it. The Kaplan’s baby is doing better but they’re arrest for child endangerment and their child is taken by Child Services. House suspects Vogler but Cuddy called them in to protect House from Vogler. On House’s advice, Foreman & Chase check Naomi’s eyelid and find her esophagus swelling – they’re forced to order x-rays. They find a suspicious mass that indicates small-cell lung cancer. The radiation treatments will endanger the baby so a c-section is required, but he only has a 1-in-5 chance of surviving. She refuses the treatment, willing to sacrifice her life to save her baby. At the board meeting, Vogler brings up House’s record and threatens to leave (with his $100 mil) if House doesn’t go, and calls for an immediate vote. Everyone but Wilson (including Cuddy) votes in favor so Vogler calls for a vote to remove Wilson.
House isn’t happy with Naomi’s decision and seeks a way to increase her odds, as the Kaplans confront him. They note that their uncle, a nutritionist, advised them on the diet and he calls for tests to determine an alternative problem. He goes to visit Wilson, who reveals he’s been fired and House is next. Wilson agrees to find some drugs from Vogler’s clinical trials to help Naomi and House gets her signed on to the test. House prepares to give her a c-section so she can get into the program in two days. He offers Naomi the choice, aware that the clinical test will kill the baby. He kicks out the husband and tells Naomi he knows she had a sick child when she was 18. Naomi agrees to the c-section but as she goes into surgery, Vogler calls it off. House confronts Vogler and things don’t go well – he refuses to let her into the clinical test since she’s high-risk and it’ll endanger the FDA approval. Naomi goes into seizure from an embolism and is taken to surgery, but it requires a c-section or the baby will suffer potential brain damage. The husband forbids the c-section when Foreman warns it’ll probably kill Naomi.

They manage to break up the clot in surgery but her blood pressure drops as she bleeds into the abdomen. House goes to talk to the husband and warns him she’s dying and there’s nothing they can do, but he has to permit the c-section or the baby dies as well. He eventually agrees and Naomi dies, but they manage to get the baby breathing despite the premature birth. House confronts Cuddy over the Kaplans and shows the diet wasn’t responsible – the baby had a problem with the thymus gland. He briefs Cuddy under the assumption he won’t be there after the meeting. Vogler calls for a new vote and Cuddy refuses. Vogler calls for a vote to remove her and Cuddy tells the board to vote with their conscience – if they vote to keep Vogler and his money, he does own them. The board votes with Cuddy – Wilson is reinstated and Vogler kicked out. The team celebrate although Cuddy isn’t too happy about the money lost.
Originally aired: Tuesday May 3, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Thomas L. Moran, Lawrence Kaplow
Director: Deran Sarafian
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Stephanie Venditto (Brenda)
Guest Stars: Mark Bloom (Doc #1), Geraldine Singer (Woman), Tim Haldeman (Mature Man), Skye McCole Bartusiak (Mary Carroll), Diego Clare (Dawson), Erin Foster (Second Applicant - Dr. Petra Gilmar), Dylan Kussman (Mr. Carroll), Rhea Lando (Teammate #2), Lindsay Pulsipher (Teammate #1), Ben Jelen (First Applicant), Cindy Lu (Nurse), Eric Cazenave (Doc #2), Kelly Kirklyn (Mrs. Carroll), Eddie McClintock (Coach), Shari Headley (Third Applicant)
Production Code: HOU-119
Summary: During an meningitis outbreak which overwhelms the clinic, House is drawn to a single patient: a 12-year-old whose symptoms don't quite match everyone else's. House, Foreman, and Chase must devise ingenious ways and locations to treat the girl's delicate condition in the middle of the chaos, and make an unexpected discovery. Meanwhile, House asks Cameron to come back to her job but she has one requirement that he might not be able to meet.

At a swim meet, a 12-year old diver, Mary, goes onto the board and makes her dive, but when she comes up one of the bystanders has collapsed. At Cameron’s apartment, House pays a visit to ask her back but she refuses. Before they can get into it further, House is paged – there's an outbreak at the clinic. He returns to find the place crowded with patients and doctors – Cuddy suspect meningitis at the pool center and dragoons him into service. Mary has a rash and a sore neck, and her parents are out of town. House suspects something and brings Foreman to look at her and Chase to do research. They give her a lumbar puncture but when Foreman returns she's been moved and when he finds her, he tells her the tests prove negative, but she begins bleeding at the mouth.

Chase and Foreman run a probe into her intestinal tract to look for lesions but they find nothing. While House and Chase spar over Chase’s duties, and Cuddy spars with House over the fact they’re understaffed due to Vogler leaving with his money, a camera in her stomach shows a suspicious swelling. Cuddy interrupts to tell them to show up for the 3:00 interview for Cameron’s replacement – it doesn’t go well for the interviewee. Foreman tries to get a sterile room for Mary for a bone marrow extract and ends up in the morgue, but she goes into arrest.

As her seizures increase, House and his staff consider their options and try a transcranial ultrasound. House has another applicant who is quickly dismissed despite her ability to deal with House. The transcranial shows Mary is bleeding into her brain and needs emergency surgery, which Cuddy arranges. The surgery relieves the pressure but they still don’t know the cause. House concludes from her rash that she’s bleeding into the skin and that... she’s pregnant. A TTP condition is messing up her body and causing the symptoms. They'll have to clean her blood and terminate the pregnancy, but Mary doesn’t want her parents to know and the law permits it. House can’t give the parents a straight answer but after the operation Mary tells her parents what happened.
With the next applicant, House informs her the position has been filled. He goes back to Cameron who refuses to come back... unless they have dinner and a date. House agrees.
Love Hurts

Season 1
Episode Number: 20
Season Episode: 20

 Originally aired: Tuesday May 10, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Sara B. Cooper
Director: Bryan Spicer
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Stephanie Venditto (Brenda – Nurse), Marco Pelaez (Pharmacist)
Guest Stars: John Cho (Harvey Park), Mark Brown (Dr. May), Kristoffer Ryan Winters (New Guy), Elizabeth Sung (Marilyn Park), June Squibb (Ramona), Matt Malloy (Aubrey Shifren), Keone Young (Clyde Park), Christina Cox (Annette Raines), Peter Graves (Myron Chase)
Production Code: HOU-120
Summary: House apparently triggers a stroke in a clinic patient, but the major topic of discussion is House’s imminent date with Cameron. The team must deal with the patient’s odd lifestyle, overbearing “friend,” and reluctant parents in order to stop the strokes and try to save his life. Meanwhile, Wilson, Cuddy and the team offer House and Cameron advice while laying odds on the outcome.

At the clinic, an Asian boy, Harvey, is waiting to be treated while House is catching a game with a patient and discussing Cameron’s return with Wilson… and the fact he has to take her on a date. When House comes out he (literally) runs into Harvey, who panics then has a stroke as House tries to apologize (to avoid a legal complaint).

Cameron shows up to the joy of her fellow doctors and is greeted with the new case. She immediately figures out he has a metal plate in his jaw from a prior injury, preventing a MRI. They come up with alternate tests and House tells Cameron to keep her condition private – it doesn’t last long. Foreman visits with Harvey, who is accompanied by Annette – Harvey’s parents are dead and he has no other relatives. Harvey reveals he’s been grinding his teeth for at least six months and is having trouble thinking of nouns. Annette has some medical knowledge but Foreman is reluctant to involve her but soon has no choice. Meanwhile House is called in to treat an elderly woman suffering from vaginal pains. Ramona’s older boyfriend Myron is a bit too enthusiastic thanks to some Viagra. Ramona is concerned Myron go to someone else even though she doesn’t want more sex.

Cameron treats Harvey but doesn’t come up with much, other then the fact his “guru” Annette has sent him to a bunch of acupuncturists, chiropractors, etc. Chase suspects aneurism from blunt trauma and House goes with his magic 8-ball and Foreman’s suggestion. They go in to find Annette seemingly choking Harvey, and Chase figures out she’s his dominatrix and was administering carefully regulated erotic asphyxiation. – in return Harvey does her taxes and her yard.

Chase reveals his own background and his knowledge of Annette and they end up going with Chase’s diagnosis, and then Myron shows up. He has his own story about how he doesn’t want to perform but Ramona insists. As House gives him a placebo, Cuddy congratulates him on dating Cameron. Annette is banned from the hospital due to legal reasons, much to Harvey’s dismay. He’s also suffering from weakness in his hands – Foreman’s treatment isn’t making a difference and Harvey’s still having mini-strokes. They prepare him for surgery while Cameron and House prepare for their date. Harvey begins to panic again without Annette present and Chase begins
to throw some domination moves at him, without much success. They sneak Annette in past Cuddy and Legal to get Harvey to sign permission to undergo surgery. But Harvey undergoes mood swings and yells at her to leave, then goes berserk due to another stroke.

The clinic's lawyer advises they can't operate without his consent or approval from the parents. The lawyer needs a death certificate to prove they're dead and so House's staff is off to track them down. Foreman tries to give House advice on his date, warning some relationships aren't meant to happen. Cameron and Chase are at Harvey's apartment and find nothing but domination equipment and tic tacs. Trying to track Harvey down by phone, Chase gets a hang-up from a Mr. Park and House manages to get through by telling him Harvey is dead and asking him to identify the body. The parents refuse to help their son due to his "proclivities" and refuse to give their consent, and House threatens to make sure everyone knows they refused treatment – they give in. Wilson gives some advice to Cameron, warning that he's concerned about House who may get hurt if he opens up again.

House and Cameron go on their date and House tries to make small talk, without much success. Cameron whips out the Freudian diagnoses, which doesn't go much better. She comes straight out and asks him – how does he feel? House is typically blunt about how she's looking for charity cases after the death of her husband, and he's perfect since he's "damaged." That pretty much ends the date.

Harvey's surgery takes place the next morning as everyone wants to hear the details of their date. The surgeon reveals there's no indication of an aneurism and they discuss other possibilities while Myron and Ramona show up. House reveals he gave placebos to Myron and tells them to face up, then figures out they're having an affair. They figure out they both don't want quite so much sex, but as Myron uses a breath spray House gets an idea.

House talks to Chase about how he found the tic-tacs at Harvey's – he has an infected jaw and the damaged tissue that broke off is blocking off bloodflow to the brain. House drains some pus from inside to verify his diagnosis and orders the metal jawplate removed. Later House goes to meet with Harvey, and Annette who has snuck into the hospital disguised as a nurse. Annette talks about how their relationship is about openness and trust, but House doesn't tell Harvey whether his parents came or not when asked. House is left to study an old photo of a past love.
House has agreed to substitute for a sick teacher in exchange for a couple of hours off of clinic duty. Since, as Cuddy points out, House would rather hear himself talk than listen to patients, this trade was really a done deal from the moment Cuddy suggested it. House tries to talk it up to four hours off clinic duty, but Cuddy knows him too well.

As House leaves, he meets his ex-girlfriend Stacy, who wants him to examine her new husband who is having unidentified medical problems. House is reluctant to take on the case and admits he isn't sure if he wants Mark to live.

Now House is faced with the problem of teaching a class in diagnostics for which he hasn't prepared. He sits and thinks while the students watch him, wondering what's up with this strange teacher. Despite being unprepared, House has lots of experience and so he digs through past cases to use as example to teach his students.

Finally, House comes up with past patients he wants to use. He has two with similar initial symptoms, but needs a third. Normally, House thinks quickly and reacts immediately, but he ponders his choices for patients now. Finally, he decides to include himself as the third patient. He wanted three, he just didn't really want to include himself. But he just saw Stacy and that brought all his past back up in his memory and that's the only third patient he can see. Ultimately, he pushes ahead. It's not like these students will ever know it’s him anyway.

The three patients House has chosen did not occur at the same time in reality, but for the purposes of his class, they do. The first case, the farmer, is actually the last case to happen chronologically, and House’s team worked on this case although we’ve never seen that case or its resolution. The second case is another we’ve never seen, and it occurred chronologically in between the other two cases. Like the first case, House’s entire team was on-hand. The third case took place much earlier, before House had a team, and before he even worked at the current hospital. This third case is House.

At the beginning of the lecture, we see scenes as if we were viewing the cases House is describing. But we aren’t really, and you can tell by the tricks House plays with his storytelling. He
pretends the volleyball player is a 40-year-old man, likely because a lot of diagnostic classes use that as the patient. He makes the golf player (who is really House) into Carmen Electra. Why? Because it’s more fun that way. House is teaching them that some information is important, and other information isn’t important and can even be distracting.

But as the lecture continues, the scenes we see slip from reflection of the lecture House is giving to actual scenes from the cases themselves. You see Chase and Foreman swabbing a dog’s mouth, but the class hears that animal control does this. It isn’t really important to the class that in reality House sent his team to do the work. What is important is that it got done. Even though the case scenes become more realistic, they still contain some humor, like when House mentions a case that hasn’t happened yet to his team. But notice as he moves over to the whiteboard after making that comment and continues to discuss the case that “hasn’t happened yet” that when we see his team again, they are all wearing different clothes; a subtle clue that we’ve just shifted in time to when the farmer’s case actually did happen.

House’s lecture interweaves the cases. The poor farmer finds himself in a tight spot. His dog has already bitten a neighbor, and there is a law in the farmer’s city/county/state that if a dog attacks a second person, it must be put down. Now the farmer loves his dog. And unfortunately, the same law also says a doctor is required to report dog attacks. So the farmer hides this information, figuring the hospital can fix him up anyway even if it doesn’t know it’s his dog that did the damage. This leads House’s team on a merry chase, which turns out to be a good case for the class to work through. It teaches them that patients don’t always tell the whole story, and that death is a powerful force that sometimes provides answers to questions you thought you knew the answer to.

Ultimately, the problem becomes clear that the dog had a flesh-eating bacteria it was immune to, the farmer has his leg amputated, his dog is put down, he gets a new dog and a prosthetic leg.

The young volleyball player suffers from tendonitis and a thyroid condition. The latter is only discovered after an exhaustive exam by Cameron. Treating the thyroid condition leads to discovery of a cancer in her leg. Of the three cases, this case is actually the simplest and most normal.

So after surgery to amputate the leg and remove the cancer, the young girl recovers well enough to play volleyball again.

Finally on to House’s case. At first House presents his own case as if he is a drug addict. He does this because that is what the hospital he went to thought he was. He walks his students right through all the same steps his doctors went through. His statement in the beginning of the class that one of the three patients would be thrown out for being a drug addict causes all his students to immediately identify his case as the drug addict.

In part, House’s comments on the urine test he underwent on return to the hospital is sarcastic. He knew he wasn’t seeking drugs and was really in pain, but the hospital didn’t believe him and tried to dissuade him. As we know, House is not easily dissuaded and the results of that test turned out to actually provide a clue to what was really going on.

News of House teaching a class draws his team into the class. Cameron comes in first, being most interested in House as a person, and helps the students with part of the case diagnosis. Later, Foreman and Chase sneak in, being interested in House as professional.

As we realize the third patient is House, the students still do not. In fact, only House, his team, and Cuddy know the truth. House walks them through his past, using his pain to teach them, to help them learn, so that someday maybe they won’t make the same mistakes that were made with him. He does it with skill and powerfully, never flinching, except twice, for the briefest of moments. One when he realizes Cameron is hearing his story, and the other when he sees Cuddy.

Meanwhile, in the past, the demerol patient/House has refused Cuddy’s recommended course for one that will leave him with his leg still attached. Stacy is at his side as House analyzes the fact that the pain is bad but losing his leg is worse. House makes the call hospitals hate. But the pain is worse than he’s expecting. His recovery is slow and interrupted by a near-death experience. He shares this moment with his class, in part because he wants them to understand, to feel, that the patient they are treating just died briefly. He replaces what he truly saw back then with images the class can relate to, images of the other two patients getting on with their lives despite their amputated lives. To make it past the pain, House opts to “sleep” through two days, hoping
that afterwards the pain will be lighter and he'll be better able to cope.

Stacy talks to Cuddy who wants to know what she can do once House is in the coma. With House unconscious, she overrule his decision and opts for Cuddy's alternative, removing the dead muscle tissue from the leg. This ultimately leaves House as we see him now.

The lecture is over... twenty minutes late, as House has lost track of time when telling his story. As House leaves, he delivers a parting diagnosis of the sick professor he replaced, noting the lead-based paint he tasted in the “World’s Greatest Dad” mug. Oh, and he also says he won’t be teaching another class again. After he leaves, he calls Stacy... and sets up an appointment to see her husband.
House is occupied balancing spoons when Stacy shows up to get her husband, who needs a check-up due to abdominal pains, infantile regression, etc. Mark claims he's under stress and doesn't need help. House isn't too enthused about checking him out, and neither gets along with the other too well. But in the middle of a toast Mark collapses thanks to House drugging him to get him to the clinic.

The team go over Mark's case and House orders a battery of tests – Wilson suspects he's trying to look good for Stacy and get her back. Cameron begins to question House's persistence in the matter when he orders exploratory surgery. House and Stacy spar in the waiting room as the surgery goes well but discovers nothing. House goes over the video and finally spots something – abdominal epilepsy, representing some kind of problem with his brain.

They pick up a discrepancy in the brain waves and global axial nerve-destruction that will result in an agonizing death. House continues to order a thorough investigation, much to Cameron's dismay. She suspects Alzheimer's, which Stacy dismisses. They have a chat about House and what he was like before his leg (he was the same) and the test confirm Mark doesn't have Alzheimer's and encephalitis. At the house, Chase and Foreman find cookies left for them by Stacy and a secret stash of amphetamines. They're a dead-end – they don't belong to Mark. They administer questions while monitoring brain activity and House gets involved with some probing questions about Mark's marriage, who talks about their honeymoon in Paris.

Stacy has words with House about his invasion of their privacy, and he admits he doesn't know what's going on. Stacy turns to him for comfort but all they can do is wait. Mark panics as his extremities go numb and then paralyzed.

House comes up with a theory but if he's wrong, Mark will die. Mark begins to panic at the thought of Stacy and House together and then his throat closes up – House (correctly) deduces it's simply panic rather then the result of the virus or the treatment. Stacy and House both begin to wonder what's going on and if they should stay away from each other or get together – Stacy opts for staying away. Later that night Wilson catches up to House after he discovers Mark isn't responding to the treatment.

But when talking to Stacy, House realizes they never went to Paris. Since he was being scanned at the time, his brain "confirms" he thinks he was telling the truth. With that additional
symptom of delusions, House deduces it’s Acute Intermittent Porphyria (AIP), which involves light sensitivity – and Mark had switched from mountain biking to indoor yoga. They can only test for it in his urine when he’s having an attack to confirm he needs the otherwise lethal treatment, so House proposes to instigate an attack. Stacy and Mark discuss it and Mark refuses House’s proposal. Stacy insists he be tested and House refuses – Stacy believes he’s doing it as payback.

Mark still refuses treatment and House administers the trigger, but Foreman intervenes and Chase and Cameron oppose him. Stacy insists and House feints and injects him. Mark goes into seizures and he keeps them from giving him painkillers. When the catheter comes out, House sticks a syringe into his bladder to get the urine symptom. The test proves positive for AIP and they give Mark the treatment – he revives and the couple share a moment as House looks on. Later Stacy admits she isn’t over House but she can’t be with him. Later Cuddy tells House they’re going to hire Stacy back while her husband receives monitoring, but only if it’s okay with him... he agrees. And alone at his apartment, House struggles to get along without his cane... then reverts back to his vicodin.
Season Two
Acceptance

Season 2
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Season Episode: 1

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Director: Daniel Attias
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson)
Recurring Role: Sela Ward (Stacy Warner)
Guest Stars: Joseph Williamson (Dr. Bruce), Mustafa Shakir (D Vontray), Jody Millard (Prison Guard), LL Cool J (Clarence), Michael Dietz (John Clift), Michael J. Gonzalez (Carlos), Bryce Johnson (James), Adrienne Janic (Dr. Vivian), Tony Ross (Emmitt) , Christie Lynn Smith (Cindy Kramer), Warren Davis (Kent), Anesha Ndiaye (Darriene), Marshall Bell (Warden)
Production Code: HOU-201
Summary: A death row inmate is felled by an unknown disease and House decides to take on the case, over Cuddy and Foreman’s objections. House also has to deal with Stacy who is working closely with him, while Cameron has to cope with a dying patient.

A death-row inmate is on death row when his cellmate Clarence is taken to an exercise room. After going through an exercise routine, Clarence hallucinates the people he’s killed and panics, then collapses from some kind of heart problem.

House goes to visit Cuddy, who is visiting with Stacy. After talking his way past Cuddy’s new (male) secretary, House convinces Cuddy to give him Clarence’s case. House leaves Cameron to fill in for him at the clinic and gets in to see Clarence, a dangerous prisoner. Clarence is suffering from lack of oxygen and when the warden is reluctant to have him removed, House has Stacy get him moved with a court order and they close off a hospital floor to do so. Cameron’s clinic patient, Cindy, has lung cancer but Cameron suspects it’s something else and House believes she’s reluctant to accept the patient is dying.

Foreman suspects Clarence is using heroin and none of the staff are too sympathetic toward the death row prisoner. When they check him out he goes into a seizure and complains about thirst. House orders more tests and then Stacy confronts him, feeling House is abusing her trust. Clarence confronts Foreman over his gang tattoo and it becomes clear Clarence isn’t a particularly nice guy. The blood gas shows a new symptom, and overall it points to tuberculosis. House sends Chase to the prison while Wilson meets with House and suggests he get Stacy’s trust back, but they’re interrupted when Clarence goes into a coma. House gives him a short-term boost and calls Chase back when he finds nothing. While Cameron hedges on telling Cindy about her lung cancer, House goes to Clarence and they get drunk together. Over their bonding House reveals he knows Clarence tried to kill himself by drinking copier fluid and the alcohol he’s been drinking neutralizes it.

The next morning House (with a hangover) staggers in – Stacy confronts him and he admits he thinks Clarence is still sick, and asks her to help cover to keep him there. Clarence talks about his brother to Foreman while Cameron demands a test from House that only he can approve, and he initially refuses, but lets her have the test in return for doing two more of his clinic hours, but it shows no sign of infection and Cameron has to do an invasive biopsy. The brain scan on Clarence shows no abnormalities while Cuddy confronts House and demands Clarence be removed. However, Clarence starts bleeding from the abdomen and they’re forced to keep him.
Clarence’s bowels are turning necrotic and they use surgery to remove it, and House wonders why Clarence killed his fourth victim – the first three he has a motive for. House confronts Clarence over it and he admits the guy was watching him and somehow driving him crazy. From that House concludes Clarence has a tumor that secretes bursts of adrenalin and orders tests to confirm. Cameron is still hedging with Cindy and wants someone to acknowledge Cindy’s death. House talks to Clarence and wants him to have a MRI, but his tattoos have metallic ink that will cause him extreme pain. He agrees and they find the tumor. They get it out and Foreman wants them to offer the tumor as a reason for Clarence’s murder sprees. House isn’t particularly sympathetic but Foreman decides to testify at Clarence’s appeal, while Cameron finally gets around to telling Cindy about her lung cancer.
# Autopsy

**Season 2**  
**Episode Number: 24**  
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A young chemotherapy patient, Andie, is preparing for her day, donning her wig and taking her medication, then begins to hallucinate the bathroom collapsing around her and goes into shock after breaking a mirror.

House is leaving the clinic with a cold when Wilson approaches and asks him to take on the girl’s case – she’s hallucinating but not from the cancer, which catches House’s attention. He has his staff do a battery of cases and Chase runs the girl through the MRI. Meanwhile, House is dealing with a clinic patient who tried to do a circumcision on himself to please his girlfriend and managed to mutilate himself with a pair of box cutters. Meanwhile the test prove negative and House orders a new batch of pulmonary and lung tests. It becomes clear she’s becoming infatuated with Chase and he grants her a kiss so she’ll know what it feels like.

The next day they get back together and Foreman suggests they test for neural-syphilis. Chase believes she hasn’t had sex and has to confess to the kiss – nobody’s too thrilled by that. Cameron checks Andie for rape and she proves clean. House gets together with Wilson and tells him his suspicion that Andie has a tumor near the heart – an unrelated cancer. The only way to confirm is with surgery and Wilson isn’t going for it. House uses an audio of Andie’s heart valve to detect an abnormality in the mitral valve. They find the tumor in her lung along the heart wall during the surgery, and have to remove it and replace the tumorous parts with cow-heart patches. But during the surgery she starts bleeding out of one eye.

Afterward they conclude the tumor is benign and had nothing to do with the hallucination. House concludes the tumor gave off a clot which caused the eye-bleeding and the hallucinations. They go in looking for the clot but don’t turn up anything and Wilson is forced to tell Andie and her mother the girl’s going to die, while House looks on. Later he wonders about her lack of reaction and suspects her bravery in the face of death may be a symptom of the clot. However, they have no way to find it without an autopsy, so House suggests they shut down her heart and lower her body temperature so they can do the autopsy and locate the clot. Wilson convinces the mother to agree and then House decides to explain it to Andie, and it’s clear she’s aware of what is happening, and scared.

House and the staff practice on a corpse and have to get two liters of blood out without moving her enough to disrupt the procedure. They finally bolt her to the table and go ahead with the procedure. With time running out, Foreman spots the precise location of the clot, House
accepts it, and they revive her. They're able to remove the clot and Andie has her year of life. Wilson notes to House that her bravery wasn't a symptom of the clot, and House “apologies.” Wilson points out that she has more of a life then he does. Andie leaves the hospital as the rest of the staff line up to greet her, and even House is there and gets a hug. Later he decides to do something with his own life... and goes for a motorcycle ride.
Humpty Dumpty

Season 2
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Season Episode: 3

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Director: Daniel Attias
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Sela Ward (Stacy Warner)
Guest Stars: J.R. Villarreal (Manny), Charles Robinson (Robert), Ignacio Serricchio (Alfredo), Christine Avila (Luisa)
Production Code: HOU-203
Summary: An asthmatic man suddenly becomes unconscious and falls off of Dr. Cuddy's roof while working on her house.

Cuddy is out jogging and gets back home to talk to her handyman, Alfredo, and insists he stay to finish her roof even though he isn’t feeling well. She goes inside and then Alfredo falls off the roof. Cuddy rides with him in the ambulance going to the clinic and notices his two little fingers are darker than the others.

House looks into the matter and suspects clotting problems, and has his staff run tests, taking over from Cuddy. Stacy warns her not to get involved while Alfredo is eager to get out so he doesn’t lose his regular job. Alfredo is having a third finger turning dark and Cuddy offers a protein-c treatment that House considers risky. Meanwhile, Foreman is treating a clinic patient, an African American, and recommends a blood-pressure treatment. The man, Robert, is skeptical of the treatment and considers it racist. Alfredo gets right-side paralysis as a side effect of the protein-c treatment and they call in a neurosurgeon to operate.

After the surgery Alfredo develops a bad cough and his temperature is spiking while his fingers get darker and he has an infection in his lungs. Cuddy insists on riding the team on their differential diagnosis and House suggests he was sick before he fell. Cuddy reveals Alfredo had asthma. House insists they check out Alfredo’s house and sends Cameron and Cuddy goes along, while House has Chase and Foreman sneak into Cuddy’s house and he tags along. Stacy hits up Wilson for info on House and shows a bit of jealousy. Cameron and Cuddy find that Alfredo’s roof is leaking, cockroaches, and a dead rat. Cameron brings up why Cuddy doesn’t fire House, while House finds black mold at Cuddy’s house.

Alfredo has rat bites while House reveals the presence of mold and the x-rays confirm the fungal infection is more likely. While they give him treatment, Manny, Alfredo’s younger brother, hit Cuddy up for a job and accuses her of not caring. House and Stacy exchange words about Cuddy’s guilt and House’s control issues. House gets together with Robert who didn’t take the medicine, and who thinks House is a racist too, so House gives him ”Republican” medicine. Alfredo isn’t getting any better and is suffering kidney malfunction.

They confirm it isn’t either rat bite fever or fungal infection and when House checks up on Alfredo, he discovers the hand is rotting. House proposes amputation and Cuddy is reluctant to allow it since Alfredo won’t be able to work – House accuses her of losing perspective. Cuddy eventually agrees and tells Alfredo about the treatment, and he reluctantly agrees. Foreman consults House over Robert’s treatment and House reveals he gave him the same medicine Foreman did, but Foreman still isn’t happy for House doing him a “favor.” Alfredo undergoes the surgery, but the necrosis has spread to his other hand.

They go back to checking the symptoms and noting a lack of DIC and House concludes Alfredo’s heart is infected and it broke off and went to first one hand and another. House concludes
it’s parrot-related and orders treatment. House confronts Alfredo and brings him out of unconsciousness but when Cuddy doesn’t allow it, House figures he’d be out dancing. The staff head out to where Alfredo would have gone and find... cockfighting. Manny is working there as well but Alfredo’s asthma made him vulnerable. Cuddy is feeling guilty and House announces Alfredo is suing them – Cuddy is okay with that, and with a little prodding from Stacy, he confronts Cuddy over her guilt and (more or less) makes her feel better. Alfredo is left to consider his missing hand, while Cuddy deals with her leaking roof and her guilt.
In Africa, a plane flies in and brings medical supplies to a local tribe. The man in charge is Dr. Sebastian Charles, who receives a riotous greeting from the locals. One man comes to him and asks him for help for his son, who fell and isn’t breathing. Charles gives him treatment to wake him up – the boy’s lung has deteriorated from tuberculosis. Later Charles is talking to a pharmaceutical company, Stoia Tucker, during a board meeting and needs more drugs for them, but they say they can’t help. In the middle of his spiel he collapses.

House comes in to meet with Cuddy who tells him they’re taking on Charles’ case. House isn’t impressed by Charles, who is already meeting with his staff. House doesn’t believe it’s TB, over Charles’ assertion. Charles starts throwing around his weight and Cameron seems interested in him. House calls his staff back in with an emergency call. Chase notices a possible heart condition, sick sinus syndrome, and they begin treatment.

House meets with a woman in the clinic and determines she’s allergic to her dead mother’s cat, and is reluctant to take steroids. Then he watches while Foreman gives Charles a stress test – when House cranks it up they find the problem, an abnormal PR interval. They schedule him for a pacemaker and on the way to surgery, he offers Cameron a position and dinner. He suggests she could become a better diagnostician by working in the field, but then suffers from a headache and vomiting, collapsing on top of Cameron.

The new symptoms indicate sick sinus isn’t the problem, and House sends Foreman to deal with his clinic duty, giving him his name tag. He meets with a Cecilia Carter who thinks she has cancer, and she insists he see her now. Foreman thinks its nothing but she thinks he’s blowing her off and insists he do a biopsy - he agrees. They run a MRI test and Cameron notices the TB test patch she put on shows positive, forcing House to reconsider his diagnosis. Cuddy interrupts a chat between House and Wilson and reveals that Cecilia is complaining because she got hostile treatment from "House."

Charles refuses treatment and tests for anything else now that he thinks he has TB. Cameron starts Charles on treatment, and he’s depressed that the medicine they can give him isn’t available to his patients in Africa. After a little thought he refuses to take the medicine to highlight the medical shortages in Africa.

Dr. Charles calls a press conference and Cuddy goes along with it, while House decides to give Charles "third world" treatment. House turns up the heat, takes away his cell phone, and unplugs his TV. Charles goes ahead with the conference, showing photos of his village and pressuring Stoia Tucker. House tells Foreman to apologize while watching the press conference on the TV, then notices the lack of reddish color and the excess sweat. House barges in as Charles goes into cardiac arrest and they manage to revive him.
Charles lets them do tests but refuses to take the TB treatment, which House agrees he has. After a brief back-and-forth on their relative styles, Charles agrees to take the TB treatment while they run more tests. House concludes it’s an extremely small tumor in the pancreas that reacts to stress. As they’re heading down to test House’s theory, they have to dodge Cuddy, who is with Charles. They start “poking” around in the pancreas and inject calcium – if the blood sugar drops they know the tumor is there. After a second dose they get a reaction but the blood sugar doesn’t drop low enough. As Charles goes into seizures, it drops at the necessary rate to confirm the diagnosis and they revive Charles.

Later Cameron reveals she isn’t going to go out with him and House suspects it’s because Charles is going to live – Cameron denies that she was focused on Charles’ image of a dying man. House then proves his statement by approaching Cecilia when she doesn’t know he’s... well, House. He hits her foot with his cane and then pretends to be a helpless cripple and fakes an apology in front of an unwitting Cuddy a few seconds later. Cecilia is impressed and leaves. Cameron says goodbye to Charles who is off to Africa, but not before he has another press conference. House isn’t impressed and Wilson suspects it’s because Charles enjoys his job... and House doesn’t.
Daddy’s Boy

Season 2
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Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Tuesday November 8, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Thomas L. Moran
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Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (O.R. Nurse)
Guest Stars: R. Lee Ermey (John House), Diane Baker (Blythe House), Brian D. Johnson (Taddy’s Boss), Jon Hershfield (Timekeeper), Mackenzie English (Katrina), Brian Chase (EMT), Matt McKenzie (Dr. Fedler), Wil Horneff (Taddy), Clifton Powell (Ken Hall), Vicellous Shannon (Carnell Hall)
Production Code: HOU-205
Summary: A Princeton student who is graduating suffers a seizure while partying at a frat house. House’s parents also drop by to see their son.

A father and his son, Carnell, a Princeton student, are celebrating the son’s graduation and they have a tender moment. Carnell is heading out to a party where he gets drunk with his friends, but feels electrical shocks and starts going into convulsions as something happens within his spine.

At the clinic, Carnell is still in serious condition and Wilson is running the differential because House comes in late. House has to take the case because he owes Wilson for a $5,000 loan, and suspects recreational drugs, but the tests and treatment prove negative. House concludes something is missing and tells his staff to find out what it is they’ve missed. Carnell reveals he had Ecstasy but then goes into another round of convulsions, and his history provides no clues. Foreman suspects whatever he has is related to his heavy drinking, while House reveals he used the $5,000 to buy a motorcycle, then gets himself invited to dinner at Wilson’s. House tells them to check up on Carnell’s dead mother’s car accident 15 years ago. Wilson reveals his wife isn’t speaking to him and he reluctantly agrees to the dinner.

The staff check for the genetic component but Carnell is unaware that his mother died in a car accident she caused – his father Ken covered it up and told him it was a drunk driving accident so Carnell would stay away from alcohol. Carnell then unwittingly has a bowel movement – he has sphincter paralysis.

The DNA test doesn’t reveal any markers and then House takes a call to lie to his mom that he can’t meet with her and his father as they’re passing through and have a layover. Foreman suspects a molecular memory of an earlier virus along the spinal cord and House orders more tests. Cameron approaches Wilson who considers canceling the dinner but Cameron convinces him to invite the parents. Carnell isn’t happy with his father for lying but then reveals he went on a trip to Jamaica without his dad’s knowledge. House concludes he was smoking marijuana but may have been exposed to a pesticide despite the lack of evidence.

House figures out Wilson invited his parents and isn’t happy, and reveals he’s been testing Wilson with increasing money loans, and offers to pay him back the loan if he cancels the dinner. Wilson takes the money and tells House to cancel it himself.

Cuddy isn’t happy with House’s lack of evidence for the poisoning diagnosis but Carnell is showing marked improvement and House is satisfied until Carnell goes into a new series of convulsions. Now Carnell has a fever and infection, because of a reduced white-cell count. They
give him broad-range antibiotics and send Cameron to find the guys Carnell went to Jamaica with. She approaches Carnell who is reluctant to discuss it in front of his father. The father isn’t happy about being kept out of the loop and Carnell reveals he went to Jamaica.

House meets with Cuddy and apologizes for letting his duties at the clinic go . . . so he can work the next night and get out of the dinner. She refuses and is going to be there herself. Cameron meets with Carnell’s friend Taddy and reveals he has a fungus on his groin, and Cameron takes a sample. No one else has health issues and House wants Taddy brought in, and House tells her to get him in by telling him he has a life-threatening illness. Carnell starts bleeding into his abdomen and they take him into surgery – the infection is responsible and House orders more antibiotics. Taddy starts vomiting blood and they have him brought in, where House discovers Carnell walked at a scrap metal yard owned by his father – Ken lied and said he was a construction worker. House confronts him and the father reveals he gave Carnell a lead plum on a keychain, but doesn’t know where it is now. House sends Foreman and Chase to get the bureau where the key chain is – he’s figured the plum is radioactive and confirms it with a Geiger counter.

After confirming Carnell has a tumor in his spine, they determine they need a bone marrow transplant but the surgery will be risky due to his weakened immune system. House’s parents arrive and insist he meet with them for a sandwich in the cafeteria. During surgery Carnell’s heart rate and blood pressure drop, while Cameron and Foreman look on as House chats with his parents. House’s father clearly isn’t thrilled with his son’s life.

Wilson is meeting with Ken when Chase comes in to update them on the surgery and there is another intestinal perforation ad his white count is falling. Chase reveals there’s nothing they can give Carnell to fight off the infection. Cameron gives House the news and he thanks her for not getting involved, then tells her that he’s an only child and that his dad is like Cameron and insists on honesty . . . even with his son. Ken meets with his son and they reconcile over their mutual lies . . . but then he lies that Carnell will be fine.

Cameron talks with Wilson about House and the fact his dad thinks he’s a disappointment, and gets on his motorcycle and heads off into the night.
Spin

Season 2
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Season Episode: 6

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Writer: Sara Hess
Director: Fred Gerber
Show Stars: Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Recurring Role: Sela Ward (Stacy Warner)
Guest Stars: Julie Quinn (Matthew's Mother), Patrick Roman Miller (Maintenance Man), Kristoffer Polaha (Jeff Forster), Austin Whitlock (Matthew), Nathan Kress (Scott), Scott Kradolfer (Matthew's Father), Drew Garner (Blind Man), Currie Graham (Mark Warner), Taraji Henson (Moira), Alanna Ubach (Dr. Louise Harper), Tom Lenk (Allen)
Production Code: HOU-206
Summary: A professional bicyclist is brought in after collapsing during a race, but House doesn’t want to treat him because he thinks the athlete is taking performance-enhancing drugs. House only becomes interested when the patient admits to taking the drugs.

At a bike race, two kids are looking for a good spot to watch – one of them, Matthew, needs an inhaler. He spots his hero, Jeff Forster, who collapses and several other bicyclists plow into him.

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House meets with his staff for differential diagnosis but none of Jeff’s treatments correspond to his respiratory distress. House suspects he has an air embolism as a result of his many injections and orders a test. Cameron isn’t thrilled that Jeff is taking advantage of his fans and then they spot the embolism.

House is having lunch with Wilson when Stacy comes in with her husband. House and Mark spar briefly and Wilson reveals Mark is going through group therapy, giving House something to think about. Meanwhile, Chase is extracting the air bubble from Jeff and gets it out but Jeff starts drooling uncontrollably.

Chase concludes it’s muscle fatigue and House figures he might have hit a nerve but nothing is definite so House calls for more tests before heading out to a session. . . the session Mark is in. Despite the head doctor Louise Harper’s efforts, House stays on and she suggests he and Mark work things out. Cameron prepares for a muscle biopsy and it becomes clear she has issues with Jeff’s use of drugs. In session, things start off well but things break down and Harper sends House to a different group.

The tests prove negative for all suspected problems – House wonders why Jeff’s tests are all normal then suspects encephalitis. Jeff’s manager confronts Cuddy with Jeff’s (relatively) slow treatment regimen and makes a donation to speed things up. During the new test, while Jeff admits he took advantage of one young fan he goes into respiratory arrest again, with his red blood count dropping.

House concludes that either Chase screwed up, or Jeff has cancer, and orders more tests. While meeting with a clinic patient coming off smoking and suffering from diarrhea, Stacy comes
in (repeatedly) to give House grief over his messing with Mark in group therapy. She tells him to let it go, while House figures the patient is being poisoned by his sugarless gum.

Wilson is running cancer tests on Jeff while he wonders if he did it to himself and his manager figures it’s a staff screw up. Later Wilson meets with Cameron after he’s figured out she calling the newspaper and finding out if what Jeff did was cheating. Wilson admits that he cheated on his wives but always came clean with them.

The tests show that there’s no cancer and Chase didn’t screw up. Cuddy comes in with Stacy – the story about Jeff has gone public and Stacy is going to have to watch them since they figure there’s a leak. House wonders why someone would leak information about Jeff’s supposed cancer and confronts him, taking out his breathing tube to get him to talk. House figure he’s been using a drug, EPO, and Jeff claims he hasn’t used it for years. Traces disappear after six hours so they can’t test, and House figures Moira leaked the info to the press so Jeff could come back from cancer and improve his image. Moira still denies she gave him EPO, and Jeff fires her.

Jeff starts to recover as they treat him for EPO but then has a relapse. Foreman orders a transfusion and House orders them to scan Jeff’s neck. Then House chats with Wilson about Stacy, and Wilson suspects he’s “having fun” and warns it won’t end well for anyone. The staff finds a thymoma, one that causes PRCA resulting in anemia. Transfusions and hyperbaria keep the symptoms down, so Jeff’s been treating himself all this time, until he stopped the transfusions and hyperbaric treatments for the marathon. House reveals Mora is innocent and with a quick injection cures Jeff... temporarily.

House drops in to meet with Stacy and want to know if she hates him or loves him. She admits she hates and loves House... and loves Mark. They conclude there’s not much they can do but live with it. Wilson chats with Cameron who is watching Jeff give an interview – she’s not impressed with how he got away with cheating. Cameron reveals she fell in love with her husband’s best friend Joe, but she didn’t sleep with him. Later House cons a janitor into letting him into the group therapy room to get at Stacy’s psychiatric records, while Wilson and Cameron consider their past affairs.
**Hunting**

**Season 2**
**Episode Number: 29**
**Season Episode: 7**

*Originally aired:* Tuesday November 22, 2005 on FOX
*Writer:* Liz Friedman
*Director:* Gloria Muzio
*Show Stars:* Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy)
*Recurring Role:* Sela Ward (Stacy Warner)
*Guest Stars:* Hamilton Mitchell (Infection Control Officer), Currie Graham (Mark Warner), Wings Hauser (Michael Ryan), Matthew John Armstrong (Kalvin Ryan)
*Production Code:* HOU-207

**Summary:** A gay man with full-blown AIDS collapses in front of House’s home and goes into shock. When House discovers the man’s father is suffering from symptoms of his own, he must determine if they might be connected and save both their lives. Meanwhile, Cameron faces a potentially life-threatening disease of her own.

Wilson picks up House while they discuss House’s theft of Stacy’s treatment notes. Wilson isn’t thrilled, particularly he finds out Stacy and Mark aren’t having sex despite his recovered status. As they head out they run into a “stalker,” Kalvin Ryan, who wants House to treat him. House quickly concludes he has AIDS but Kalvin claims he’s been tested and all the tests are negative. After a brief struggle Kalvin collapses.

Cuddy insists House meets with Stacy in case Kalvin files a lawsuit, and they spar at Stacy’s house as she reveals she has a rat. They share a moment before Mark interrupts, clearly upset. House accepts the case but is bored until they figure out Kalvin is showing all the signs of fighting back against the AIDS but is still getting worse. House suspects the strength of Kalvin’s immune system fighting back is causing his new symptoms, and orders more tests. House then prepares to kill Stacy’s rat so he can get her to reveal his feelings so he can get her fired, but notices its odd behavior.

While Kalvin flirts with Chase, House and Stacy head up to Stacy’s attic to find the rat and share another moment, but they’re interrupted by the staff calling him and updating him. House quickly prescribes some treatments but is more concerned with killing the rat he just spotted. Kalvin’s tox screen shows recreational drugs and it’s clear he’s not too concerned with maintaining his health. He starts to cough and then bleed, spewing blood onto Cameron’s face.

Cameron is given treatment for the possibility of AIDS while House considers the new symptom, a ruptured blood vessel in the lung. Cameron comes in, clearly determined to keep on working, and gives her theory that Kalvin’s rec drugs are contaminated. While her and Chase go off to check Kalvin’s apartment, House runs the rat’s odd behavior past Foreman to get a diagnosis. Cameron mentions that legal might check her out for HIV testing and treatment and accuse her of using drugs to get out of paying her bills. They also find Kalvin’s photos of broken 1930 fluorescents that contained beryllium, which can inflame the lungs and inhibit breathing. House orders Cameron to get a lung biopsy from Kalvin. Kalvin reveals to her that he brought his drugs in to the hospital and insists she should show some reaction rather than sympathize with him.

Back at Stacy’s, House breaks in and when Stacy shows up, informs her that the rat has a tumor that might be caused by something in the house. When Mark calls House takes off, but not before leaving up the toilet seat to annoy Stacy.
Kalvin goes into respiratory distress as he supposedly bleeds into his blood cavity, and asks them to tell his father he’s sorry. They find nothing in the cavity and Foreman believes he has a tumor on the heart. CT confirms his diagnosis but Cameron believes it may be a non-lethal mass and House lets her conduct the test to confirm. He also wonders why Kalvin would be apologizing to his father, when his father threw Kalvin out. As Cameron conducts her test and reveals she hid his drugs, Kalvin suggests that HIV might actually loosen her up since she no longer has to play by the rules.

House heads off to Stacy’s to confirm that she hasn’t told Mark that House is with her, and the two of them wait for the rat to come out to take the antibiotics in the bait. He reveals the rat’s urine shows signs that someone in the house is smoking – Stacy has been doing it secretly and started two weeks after House’s surgery. They share yet another moment over her misery over his pain and how she caused his pain, and they start to consider a kiss when the rat sets off the trap.

Chase goes to visit Cameron who grabs him and starts kissing him. She’s clearly high on Kalvin’s drugs and they end up in bed together. The next day Cameron shows up for work as House arrives with his rat (nicknamed “Steve McQueen”) and quickly figures out she was using. They end up at Kalvin’s room to find his father Michael has arrived and they’re having a fight. House pokes away at why Kalvin apologized until Michael reveals Kalvin killed his mother.

The staff check over the new information – Kalvin lied and his mother died because she needed a kidney and he was the only donor, but had HIV. It soon becomes clear to everyone Cameron and Chase slept together, and the tests show that Kalvin has terminal cancer with no chance of a cure, and they prepare to pinpoint its location with a biopsy. Chase helps Cameron with her symptoms and admits they might have a problem with their continuing relationship.

House and Wilson discuss the rat, which is on two weeks’ of antibiotics, and House remembers the fact that Kalvin’s dad was sweating and they’re from Montana. House cancels the biopsy and concludes Kalvin’s illness is caused by parasites native to Montana that infest foxes – Kalvin and Michael hunted in Montana. They can stay in a host body for decades, causing cysts, and House has figured Michael has cysts in his liver. A blood test for Michael will confirm House’s diagnosis and Michael is upset that Kalvin killed his mother. House aggravates both of them by accusing Kalvin’s mother of killing herself. Michael takes a swing at him and then House cold cocks him in the gut, initiating anaphylactic shock and confirming his diagnosis the hard way.

Father and son go into surgery and have the cysts and parasites removed. House is satisfied but Cuddy sends him to see Stacy since the father might sue. Cameron confronts Kalvin over the fact he isn’t happy and is trying to self-destruct and take her with him. House meets with Stacy who gets him ice for his bruise, while he informs her that Mark has to know about her smoking. He accuses her of not sleeping with Mark despite her denials, and she figures out he’s certain because he read her file. Everything he’s done has been based on the inside info he had, and he accuses her of letting it happen because she wants him around. She says, “Not any more” and kicks him out. Kalvin and Michael have a reunion and son finally apologizes to father as Cameron looks on. Stacy seeks comfort in a happy Mark’s arms, Chase notices a cut lip from his encounter with Cameron, and Cameron counts the days until she can take her first HIV test. And House... House is home alone with the rat.
The Mistake

Season 2
Episode Number: 30
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:  Tuesday November 29, 2005 on FOX
Writer:  Peter Blake (IV)
Director:  David Semel
Show Stars:  Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Recurring Role:  Sela Ward (Stacy Warner), Stephanie Venditto (Nurse Brenda)
Guest Stars:  Greg Winter (Chuck), Sammi Hanratty (Dory), Kate Enggren (Mrs. Ayersman), Adair Tishler (Nikki), Licia Shearer (Clinic Patient), Ryan Hurst (Sam McGinley), Kevin Moon (EMT), Sterling Beaumon (Boy Magician), John Lafayette (Dr. Schisgal), Allison Smith (Kayla McGinley), John Rubenstein ( Dr. Ayersman)
Production Code:  HOU-208
Summary:  House and Chase find themselves in a serious situation after a young mother with stomach pains dies. Months later, Stacy counsels Chase prior to his disciplinary hearing, and must determine whether Chase made a mistake that ultimately led to the patient’s death. She soon realizes he is holding something back.

At a children’s talent show, a young magician is giving his show while a mother gets her daughters ready to go on next with a dance number. As they perform the mother takes some painkillers then screams in pain from stomach pains.

Six Months Later
Stacy is preparing for a disciplinary hearing with Chase and House, while expressing her reluctance to work with House. After a tense meeting with House, she briefs Chase that his career rests on what happened, and has him review the case for her. The patient, Kayla, presented to the clinic with stomach pains and Foreman tested her for cerebral coordination. Her iris was inflamed, attracting House’s attention. House sends Chase to check for genital sores after Chase spills his Vicodin pills. Chase and Kayla bonded as he found ulcerations and he recommended minor treatment. She came back later for the pustule on her arm and ended up with Chase, without an appointment. He claims they didn’t even go into an exam room, but he’s lying and Stacy quickly catches him at it. Then he reveals that the medicine he gave her didn’t help and he gives her a stronger antacid then left her without pursuing the matter.

House is responsible since he is Chase’s superior, and Wilson wonders if Stacy might get Chase to rat on House to clear himself. Chase reveals he called Kayla an hour later to follow up, and then the EMTs brought her in with massive bleeding. Chase ran a tube down her stomach, which was filled with blood from an ulcer. Chase cauterized the rupture but there was a perforation and stomach content leaked into the rest of her body, causing sepsis and liver damage.

Stacy talks with Cameron and questions whether she’s biased. Cameron tells Stacy to talk to House...so she talks to Foreman. Foreman isn’t impressed with Chase’s bedside manner and wonders if she’s talked to House. House is dealing with a patient with a continuing cough when Stacy demands to speak with him. She finally asks him why Chase screwed up but House says he didn’t screw up. He reveals how he spotted the second ulcer with the perforation, then confronted Chase over the fact he didn’t check Kayla earlier. When the patient, Chuck, overhears, House lays a story on him to convince him to get health insurance so he doesn’t have to come to the clinic.
Afterward Kayla needed a liver transplant and her brother offered, but she went into convulsions before they could arrange anything. Cuddy refuses to authorize the transplant because she's too ill, but House manages to get her on the list by pointing out the legal ramifications. The brother managed to rush through his medical test to confirm he's a perfect match, and House has to explain how he convinced the transplant surgeon, Dr. Ayersman, to take on the case... by slipping him money. When that doesn't work, he resorts to blackmail him with his affair with a variety of nurses. After Ayersman performed the surgery, House ratted him out to his wife anyway.

The surgery went well, but two months later Kayla returned and House forced Chase to check her out to rub his nose in it. He noticed a fever and ordered tests – her temperature spiked an hour later and Foreman suspected she was rejecting the transplant. Chase believes it's an infection and the brother Sam barges in. House spots the fact he has hepatitis and he faked the medical test – but House concludes he gave her liver cancer based on the symptoms. They operate on both of them, but due to the cancer Kayla rejected the liver and couldn't get authorization for another transplant.

The legal papers come through and they confirm gross negligence – Chase has to reveal that Sam came up with a second transplant through an illegal source, and he confronted Sam and Kayla over it. He admitted to them he made a mistake and tells her of how his father died, and that she shouldn't die alone seeking a hopeless cure. She agrees despite her brother's pressure and guilt, and is happy Sam was saved. She died a week later but now Sam is pursuing the lawsuit against Chase – Stacy believes there's something personal from when Chase met with Sam a week earlier. Chase reveals that Sam told him he planned to move and take Kayla's two daughters with her, and he admitted he misdiagnosed Kayla because he was hung over.

House calls for a private conference with Chase and confronts him with the fact that Chase wasn't hung over, but claimed he was out of guilt. In reality Chase had received a call from his stepmother with the news his father had died – upset, he didn't pursue the matter with Kayla. House reveals that he knew but Chase's father asked him not to tell, and that it's better for him if Chase goes down.

While waiting for the results, House and Stacy discuss their relationship and his concern he might do something while distracted, and Stacy admits it's not all negative but neither one knows what to do. House is called in and the committee notes Chase screwed up and will get a one-week suspension, but they otherwise feel his father's death clears him of further punishment. They're not happy with House, however, and order that he be supervised by another doctor for one month. Cuddy has to choose the doctor and reveals that... Foreman will be his supervisor.
Deception

Season 2
Episode Number: 31
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Tuesday December 13, 2005 on FOX
Writer: Michael R. Perry
Director: Deran Sarafian
Show Stars: Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman)
Guest Stars: Patrick LoSasso (Do-Gooder), Larry Weissman (Fat Man), Xhercis (Imelda), Nell Rutledge (Hailey), Bru Muller (John), David Desantos (ER Doctor), Peter Abbay (Cab Driver), Peter Abbay (Teller), Cynthia Nixon (Anica Jovanovich)
Production Code: HOU-209
Summary: With Foreman as House’s supervisor, the team must figure out if a woman who cried wolf too many times is really ill.

At a gambling joint, House is watching a horse race and tries to place a bet. A guy slows down the line when a woman, Anica interrupts him to get things going so House can place his bet. They compare betting notes but when House turns away for a second she collapses in convulsions and House notices bruising on her chest and sends her to the clinic.

The staff meets with Foreman running the meeting and ordering House to do the medical history – House is skeptical of his diagnosis of a sexual or alcoholic-based disease. Afterward the two spar in front of Cuddy but she goes with Foreman, but warns him he’ll have full responsibility. House runs Anica’s medical history and checks her, thinking she might have Cushings. Anica recognizes the disease and reveals she had it a year ago and had the tumor on her pituitary removed. In the MRI they check to see if the disease relapsed, without success, and Foreman orders more tests. House performs a LP on her spine with a needle, causing intense pain, then orders the observing Cameron to meet with him. House asserts she still has Cushings and Foreman relents despite his assertion she’s suffering from alcoholic withdraw.

Foreman finds out House orders MRIs for the entire maternity ward and confronts him over it, and it becomes clear House is going to push it as far as he can. Cameron and Chase find a mass on her pancreas and give her two months. Cameron breaks the news to Anica who takes it very calmly. They take her into surgery for a biopsy with House assisting. Later House is called in to check out a woman with a vaginal infection resulting from... strawberry jelly that she used as a spermicide. The biopsy proves negative and Cameron suspects she has Munchausen’s and injected herself with ACTH to bring on the symptoms herself. Foreman sends House and Cameron to break into Anica’s house, and House gives Cameron a lift on his motorcycle. At the apartment they find she’s visited several doctors but also has three pairs of eyeglasses, possibly confirming she has a tumor pressing on the optic nerve.

Foreman vacillates between the two possible diagnoses until he eventually orders a test – but House calls him on giving in just to play it safe. Cameron takes the consent form to Anica and accuses her of faking her symptoms and leaves a bottle of pills behind. Foreman goes to Cuddy who is less than sympathetic with his griping and suggests it could be permanent. As their meeting afterward they get a call to call off the test – she’s urinating orange, due to the pills Cameron left behind. Anica took them to bring on new symptoms, confirming Cameron’s diagnosis.

While House goes through the files, Anica denies doing anything to herself. House then confronts them with his belief that her levels are still low and that she has Munchausen’s and...
aplastic anemia. He suggests a bone marrow biopsy but Foreman is reluctant until House sug-
suggests they run tests on the initial blood tests –if the tests are positive, Foreman will grant the
biopsy. There’s not enough blood but House flirts with the technician into doing it anyway. Fore-
man approaches Wilson and asks if there’s anyway House will take him seriously as a boss.
Wilson can’t help him but agrees to keep silent on it. House confronts Foreman with the test that
shows positive, but Foreman quickly spots that it’s a ringer. When he refuses, House appeals
to Chase since Foreman has barred him from Anica’s room. Cuddy and Foreman catch on and
discharge her without the test.

House intercepts Anica outside and offers to do the test outside on the bench while sympa-
thizing with her history that led to her Munchausen’s. He’ll give her a cocktail of insulin and
colchicine that will confirm his diagnosis... unless she’s faking, in which case the injection will
kill her. She says she hasn’t taken anything else and House gives her the injection then leaves
so he won’t be connected to her seizure.

Foreman’s wondering about how Anica collapsed just outside the hospital when Cameron
comes in with a confirmation of the anemia. House rubs it in then Foreman goes to meet with
Anica and tell her what she’s suffering from. Either she can get a marrow transplant which
could kill her, or go on a lifetime regimen of injections. She agrees to the transplant and they
have to kill the old bone marrow then keep her in sterile conditions for two weeks until they
can perform the transplant. House is in her room and finds a piece of clothing, and realizes she
has an infection but her faked symptoms were suppressing the infection. House advises a safer
course despite the low white cell count, and comes up with...colchicine, that he gave her. There’s
bacteria inside her bruises which got into her organs.

Foreman goes to Cuddy and says he’ll take her offer, but Cuddy refuses and points out House
saved Anica’s life despite his actions. Foreman leaves, disgusted with what House did and what
it could lead to. House and Wilson leave and Wilson points out that House couldn’t handle it
with Foreman as his boss despite his claims he’s fine with it. Anica is at another hospital with
her new symptoms, while at the gambling joint House places a major bet to win.
Failure to Communicate

Season 2
Episode Number: 32
Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Tuesday January 10, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Doris Egan
Director: Jace Alexander
Show Stars: Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy)
Recurring Role: Sela Ward (Stacy Warner)
Guest Stars: Michael Len (8 Year Old Boy), Amy Margolis (Mother), Derek Anthony (Guard), Pat Caldwell (Mary Jean), Bruce French (Peter Foster), Mimi Kennedy (Greta Simms), Erica Gimpel (Elizabeth Stone), Michael O’Keefe (Fletcher Stone)
Production Code: HOU-210
Summary: While attending his editor's retirement party, a journalist collapses and hits his head on a desk. When he regains consciousness, his sentences are garbled and incoherent, so he is rushed to Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital. With House and Stacy stranded at an airport due to bad weather, the team is forced to solve the case with House helping out over the phone.

At a newspaper editor’s retirement party, reporter Fletcher Stone is giving a congratulation speech to the woman as his wife Elizabeth looks on. In mid-speech he collapses and hits his head on a desk. He wakes up moments later but is babbling uncontrollably although it is clear that he believes he is speaking normally.

Cuddy comes in to talk to Foreman, revealing that House is in Baltimore with Stacy justifying his Medicaid billings. Foreman volunteers his services but Cuddy is skeptical. Cuddy gives Foreman the symptoms so he can find an appropriate doctor and reveals the patient, Fletcher Stone, is a famous author. Cuddy finally gives in and gives Foreman the case. Foreman concludes it’s aphasia and has Fletcher try to draw or write something – he’s incapable of doing so. The editor shows up to claim that Fletcher’s foot twitched and that was the reason he fell, rather than due to an accident.

Stacy and House are meeting with the Medicaid review officer, Peter Foster, and it stacks up to be a long meeting. The staff spar over who is in charge and they eventually decide to approach the matter as equals. House has trouble justifying his expenses and Stacy manages to appeal to the official’s better nature. Afterward House offers Stacy a dinner but they’re on separate flights. House notes her crucifix is missing and that something is up.

The staff administers a barrage of tests based on their individual theories, much to Greta and Elizabeth’s skepticism. Fletcher has a respiratory attack and they’re forced to intubate. The tests show amphetamines even though Fletcher claimed he had given up drugs. House, waiting at the airport for his flight, interrupts Wilson in the middle of a sob session with a nurse to get the news on the aphasia case, which he’s heard from Cuddy. Fletcher is now running a fever and House then calls Foreman to get the scoop and start recommending treatments. He also tells them to get a medical history – Fletcher can answer in one-word sentences of yes or no. The editor claims Fletcher is off of drugs but he takes sleeping pills, which Fletcher confirms but wants to keep from his wife.

After administering a MRT, they find an old brain edema but it’s in the wrong part of the brain and Fletcher claims he’s had no previous head trauma or symptoms. The flights are stacking up
in Baltimore, leaving House and Stacy together to make small talk as House tosses out diagnoses of the various folks in the lounge.

Cuddy shows up to ask Foreman about his progress and he and Chase quickly duck out for "supper." House returns to Stacy's missing crucifix – Stacy is less than thrilled. Chase and Foreman find an anti-convulsive medicine at Fletcher's office, then head to the home to check up the wife. They find an incomplete home-work project but no other medicines, and it's clear Foreman is uncomfortable not having House to back him up. House continues to pursue the missing crucifix and it's clear Stacy is hiding something.

Fletcher is having stomach problems and communicates that he has a metallic taste. Finally Stacy reveals she and Mark had a fight over nothing and she thinks he's pushing her out of his life. Wilson finally gets through on Stacy's phone and gives House the new symptom. Foreman is insisting on a lumbar puncture when House calls to advise them to put pressure on Fletcher to get him to come clean. They confront Fletcher with the news but he still has nothing to tell them. Cameron prepares to administer the lumbar puncture and starts to figure out what he's saying. Meanwhile the airport announces that all flights are grounded and Stacy reveals she already has a hotel room booked.

When they arrive House wants to know what's going on, and Stacy is avoiding him to avoid a relationship... while wondering if they’ll end up having a relationship. They end up kissing but are interrupted by the phone. It's Foreman with the LP results - it shows some kind of infection but doesn't narrow it down. Fletcher only has a day or two but Cameron gives her theory – Fletcher opened up to her due to her sympathy, which is what House had planned. House can't resist getting involved, much to Stacy's dissatisfaction.

The staff goes over Fletcher's statements with House listening in, trying to draw patterns to what he's saying. Cameron concludes that it's Elizabeth's presence that is screwing up Fletcher's speech patterns. Once Cuddy gets her out with a story, Fletcher starts to make sense and House figures out when he's talking about a bear, he's talking about the puzzle of a polar bear – Fletcher is bi-polar and has been using alcohol during the depressive periods and weight medicine during the manic phases. Before House is forced to get on the plane, he concludes that Fletcher covered up his disorder as a journalist but tired to change for his wife. House concludes Fletcher underwent secret surgery, explaining the older scarring. Elizabeth comes in and gets the news, and is unhappy at his secrecy. House recommends they test the blood by hand to confirm the diagnosis – cerebral malaria, which the computers missed.

Later, Fletcher's editor tries to reassure him that Elizabeth will be back. House and Stacy share a moment about trust and relationships and then Stacy goes on ahead until she can get House off the no-fly list.
A woman, Margo Dalton, is preparing for her daughter Stella’s birthday party when she feels a twinge on her arm. Going out to her car, her other arms begins to convulse as well. She begins uncontrollably spasming and backs the car into the garage.

House shows up early and well dressed, after the events with Stacy in Baltimore. House suspects Margo may be pregnant and give her a paralytic so they can calm her down and run some tests. Wilson confronts Stacy over her kiss with House and warns she can’t toy with him. She admits she doesn’t know what she’s doing.

The tests reveal Margo isn’t pregnant and they check for Huntington’s, and suspect it may relate to the fertility treatments she’s undergoing. Margo displays irritability which confirms Foreman’s diagnosis of Huntington. They’re interrupted by a report of Margo going berserk and go into her room and manage to calm her down.

House suspects she’s using drugs and sends Cameron and Foreman to check out her house. Then he sneaks into Wilson’s office to confront him over Stacy and Wilson suggests they work things out or at least do something. Cameron finds the daughter Stella’s Ritalin and House suspects they’re the cause and the drug will flush out of her system after 12 hours, and they’re done. When Foreman chooses not to release her until it’s confirmed, House goes to visit the family and does an animal balloon (badly). He interrogates Stella and determines she’s not on her Ritalin, and Margo reveals she never told her husband Ted and never gave them to Stella. House proves she’s lying and Margo fesses up.

House then visits Stacy who reveals she’s leaving now that Mark is better. House points out she loves him more then Mark and he doesn’t want her to leave, and they...stare. Margo is discharged but in the lobby she has a stroke and collapses. Cameron calls House with the news...and he’s in bed at his home with Stacy.

House shows up and then collects on his bet with Foreman that Cameron wouldn’t take her HIV test. They begin to work on diagnosing Margo’s new symptoms and House suspects the Ritalin and the fertility meds conflicted and did something to her uterus causing cancer. As they’re heading out House tricks Cameron into getting him a sample to run the HIV test. On the roof, Stacy meets with House and he wants to know if she is going to tell Mark – she stalls. He warns that she’s going to have to choose.

The tests on Margo come back negative and Foreman is unwilling to do a biopsy...but his four weeks is yup and House takes charge, ordering the biopsy for the suspected tumor. House is
watching TV when Stella comes in and they have a brief talk. As they do the biopsy of her uterus Margo starts bleeding out before they can do the procedure. Stacy goes to Cuddy for advice but doesn’t get much help. They determine Margo’s bleeding is from her liver and there’s a tumor of some sort there. Then Mark comes to House asking for advice, as he’s concerned he’s shutting Stacy out. House refuses to help him and tries to go up a flight of stairs to avoid him – Mark tries to pull himself up and collapses.

In their differential diagnosis session, House doesn’t think the symptoms make sense and takes another look at her history. House concludes Margo was secretly using birth control pills to negate the fertility treatments, because she didn’t want a child even though her husband did, and she didn’t want to confront him. The combination of Ritalin, birth control pills, and fertility treatments caused the tumor, which House believes is benign. But Margo still claims she’s not taking the pills and insists on undergoing surgery despite the risks, and Cuddy agrees. The surgery turns up the tumor which is benign. The husband, wonders why the benign tumor was causing all the symptoms but he eventually buys it. Margo asks Foreman to lie and claim she can’t take fertility treatments any more – Foreman refuses.

Cameron goes to House who has her HIV test results. House has already read it and gives it to her to read. House confronts Stacy, who reveals she’s going to tell Mark she’s going to House. He tells her it’s Mark who is willing to do what it takes, not him, and he can’t make her happy. He points out it won’t end well and they’ll end up back where they left it.

As the staff wonder how long Margo’s marriage will last, Wilson sees Stacy packing up and he confronts House. Wilson points out that House sent Stacy away so he could keep feeling miserable, and so he won’t have to change and lose what he thinks makes himself special. Wilson storms off as House considers what he said.
**Distractions**

Season 2  
Episode Number: 34  
Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Tuesday February 14, 2006 on FOX  
Writer: Lawrence Kaplow  
Director: Daniel Attias  
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)  
Recurring Role: Stephanie Venditto (Brenda the Nurse)  
Guest Stars: Judy Louise Johnson (Surgeon), Michael Merton (Anesthesiologist), Kristen Pate (Paula), Dorothea Harahan (EMT), Dan Butler (Dr. Phillip Weber), James Immekus (Adam), Lisa Darr (Emily), Christopher Cousins (Doug)  
Production Code: HOU-212  
Summary: While a severely burned teenager is admitted and his blood tests come back with strange results, House makes himself the guinea pig in his own unofficial tests of a new drug designed to treat migraines to prove a former medical school colleague is wrong about the drug.

A father is dirt-bike racing with his son Adam on the back. They pull to a stop and the son convinces him to switch places. Then the boy spasms and tightens his hand on the throttle, and they go running wild. The father is thrown clear and Adam crashes into some pipes and the bike bursts into flame.

The boy is brought to the clinic with 40% burns on his body and taken immediately to the E.R. Foreman interrupts House to do a differential due to low potassium and House agrees – his diagnosis for Adam isn’t hopeful even ignoring the massive burns. Meanwhile Nurse Brenda approaches Dr. Cuddy and needs equipment for a lecture that a Dr. Weber is giving – Cuddy determines House has invited him. She confronts House, who is working on a coma patient who has a migraine – he gave the patient a migraine to test some new medication.

The staff uses a galvanometer to check Adam’s heart since there’s not enough skin to do an EKG. The parents report he took pot but isn’t on any other drugs that they know of. Adam goes into convulsions – House suspects MS but they’re unable to give him the standard lumbar or radiation tests of his brain. House suggests a Doppler sound device and they go for it.

Cuddy finds herself introducing Dr. Philip Weber, who deals with headaches. House is lurking in the audience and Wilson confronts him after realizing he and House went to Hopkins and studied under the same teachers. It turns out House was supposed to get an internship until Weber accused him of cheating. Now House plans to prove he’s a bad scientist. The staff uses images to check Adam’s eye-response patterns, which will show up on the Doppler scan. They get a possible result as well a signs of a bleed, and Foreman breaks in on House, interrupting the lecture. Foreman and Chase try to locate the bleed while House confronts Weber on his supposed breakthrough in India and Weber finally figures out who is confronting him. House disputes Weber’s study and Weber asserts House needs a live conscious person to test on. Meanwhile the unconscious Adam has an orgasm in the hyperbaric chamber, and House induces a migraine in himself to test Weber’s medicine. Weber’s medicine doesn’t work.

Foreman administers some medicine to help with House’s migraine but clearly he’s not operating at capacity. They conclude something has crossed his pain and pleasure receptors, which will help Adam deal with the burn pain but may be signs of infection. Cameron suggests they wait but House proposes they use maggots to eat the dead flesh from the burns. Wilson confronts House on how he inflicted the pain on himself to make up for pushing Stacy away. The
staff report the maggots are working on the burns but the brain irregularities are still present. House orders a risky lumbar puncture and Foreman reluctantly advises the parents to approve the test and the mother blames the father.

Foreman goes ahead with the lumbar puncture and manages to pull it off, but the test is negative. They have no other way to test for the telltale lesions so House goes into Adam's room and has the anesthesiologist wake him up. Adam is incredible pain but needs to know if he's feeling tingling – Adam doesn't remember and House knocks him back out. After taking a shower, House begins to hallucinate much to Cameron's consternation.

House meets with the staff, fully recovered but a bit vague on what he took. House concludes that Adam was taking anti-depressants which accounts for the seizure, and the excess serotonin is the result of the medicine. "Serotonin storm" is lethal, but treatable. House wants to speak to Adam again but the parents have forbid it. So House confronts the parents to determine if Adam was suffering from depression. The parents are sure he's told them everything, and House has no choice but to go back to differential diagnosis. He still can't explain the orgasm and goes into Adam's chamber over the parent's wishes.

The parents get Foreman, who intervenes, but House notices a mark on Adam's wrist – a burn. House confronts the parents with the fact Adam has a cigarette burn and nicotine stains. Adam was trying to break his habit and using cheap anti-smoking meds with anti-depressants in them.

Later Cuddy confronts House and wants to know if he took LSD. House (kind of) admits he did to cure the migraine, and then took anti-depressants to short-circuit the hallucinations. Weber barges in and complains House has reported to his corporate sponsors that his drug doesn't work and House acknowledges they're even. And the father wonders if Adam will blame him for the accident. Later, House is at home and has hired a hooker . . . as a less painful distraction.
**Skin Deep**

**Season 2**

**Episode Number: 35**

**Season Episode: 13**

Originally aired: Monday February 20, 2006 on FOX

Writer: David Shore, Garrett Lerner, Russel Friend

Director: James Hayman

Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)

Recurring Role: Stephanie Venditto (Nurse Brenda)

Guest Stars: Cameron Richardson (Alex), Tom Verica (Martin), Jim Hoffmaster (Surgeon), John Burke (Austin), Donzaleigh Abernathy (Brady), Karis Campbell (Pregnant Woman), James DuMont (George)

Production Code: HOU-213

Summary: House uncovers a startling secret when he treats a teenage supermodel for heroin addiction. Meanwhile, Wilson hopes the increased leg pain in House’s leg is an indication his leg nerves are regenerating.

At a fashion show of teen models, one of the models, Alex, confronts the director Austin back stage and complains of nausea. He blows it off and Alex’s father Martin persuades her to go on after giving her some anti-anxiety pills. She reluctantly takes them then goes on to the runway but starts to sway then attacks another model before collapsing.

House wakes up to find his leg with even more excruciating pain than usual. He gets to the hospital where Wilson suggests the leg might be healing and House should go into rehab. House refuses but quickly takes on his newest case and even sees his patient right away when he hears the description “teenage supermodel.” House suspects alcohol and the father reveals he gave her a valium. The tox screen shows heroin and valium and they go into differential diagnosis although House has more problems with his leg. They put her into a coma to pump her with drugs to rapid-detox her while Foreman talks to the father and warns the process is dangerous. The father agrees to the treatment as Alex starts to suffer from apparent withdrawal pains. Later she flatlines and the nurses are forced to resuscitate her.

House shows up the next day and Martin confronts her and withdraws her consent, insisting on a slow detox. House informs him they’re committed and there’s nothing they can do but continue. House then deals with a clinic patient who is suffering from sympathetic labor pains from his wife while Alex wakes up from the coma. She begins to repeat herself, suffering from short-term amnesia and some kind of brain injury, possibly from House’s suggested treatment. House points out the flatline wasn’t long enough for brain injury and suggests post-traumatic syndrome because Martin is abusing her. He suggests a MRI to show that her brain is normal and his diagnosis is correct.

Cuddy finds out House is out sick due to his leg pain and must deal with the man with the sympathetic labor pains, who refuses to talk to her. Finally he reveals that his breast are enlarging – Cuddy gives the guy House’s personal page number. Foreman questions House on whether his pain is affecting his judgment and House reluctantly concedes the point. Then he confronts Martin directly, much to Foreman’s exasperation. During the MRI, Alex starts to convulse. House calls Martin on how he “promotes” his daughter by describing her sexually and warns if Martin loves his daughter he has to be honest so they can diagnose any psychological problems. Martin admits it happened – once. House tells the staff but the MRI shows elevated proteins in her CSF, which disprove all their theories.

House asserts they can’t report sexual abuse due to doctor-patient confidentiality, much to Cameron’s dissatisfaction. House orders a brain biopsy then goes to House for help. Foreman
goes to Alex to let her know what they’re doing next, overriding Martin. They proceed with the biopsy while Cameron goes to Cuddy with her gripes. Wilson administers a MRI while Cuddy confronts him about covering up the evidence of child abuse. She orders House to cooperate or she’ll fire him.

While the staff debate the ethics, Wilson concludes the MRI shows no improvement and suggests Stacy’s absence is the cause of House’s various symptoms. The brain biopsy come back negative and House wonders if a tumor is responsible and causing antibodies to attack her brain. House comes up with a new “test” – he pinches the tube to cut off the IV drip and cut off the convulsions. Unfortunately that proves she has cancer.

House goes to Cuddy to ask for a favor – a shot of morphine into his spine to deal with the pain. House reluctantly reveals that there is massive deterioration of the thigh muscle tissue.

Alex goes into the MRI under Wilson’s care but he concludes there’s no cancer. Wilson is more concerned about what House is taking, but House ignores him and goes back into differential diagnosis. House concludes that Alex is subconsciously faking it and they give her a new IV of saline only. A social worker is meeting with Alex then points out there is no evidence and both parties deny it. Cameron confronts Alex who reveals she seduced Martin after getting him drunk, and he’s not the first person she’s slept with. Then Alex goes into convulsions.

Meanwhile House meets with George and his pregnant wife – they’re both suffering labor pains and George’s body is filled with estrogen. From that he concludes that Alex is...male. Alex has cancer...on her left testicle, and she’s a male-pseudo hermaphrodite and immune to testosterone. Alex and her father clearly have some problems with the news.

House gives Cuddy an update on the case and then asks for another morphine shot – she concludes his solving the case is linked to the pain. Then Cuddy reveals she gave him a fake injection – a placebo. Later, while House plays the piano he considers his Vicodin and tries to go without it, but eventually gives in.
Sex Kills

Season 2
Episode Number: 36
Season Episode: 14

Originally aired: Tuesday March 7, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Matt Witten
Director: David Semel
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Recurring Role: Ron Perkins (Dr. Simpson), Bobbin Bergstrom (ER Doctor)
Guest Stars: Stephen DeCordova (Second Chief Surgeon), Greg Grunberg (Ronald Neuberger), Jean St. James (Cecile Errington), Keri Lynn Pratt (Amy Errington), Howard Hesseman (Henry Errington), Yvette Nicole Brown (Stambler), Adam Busch (Tony), Noel Conlon (First Table East), Susan Grace (First Table North), Marcie Lynn Ross (Second Table West), Craig Patton (Second Table East)
Production Code: HOU-214
Summary: House takes the case of a man who experienced a seizure but wasn’t aware it happened. When the man suffers a heart attack and needs a heart transplant, the team races to diagnose a dead woman’s illness so they can harvest her heart to save their living patient.

A family is playing bridge when the young girl Amy begins to have dizzy spells and complains of stomach pains. Her father Henry takes her aside then begins to have some kind of seizure then freezes up. Then he snaps back to normal without realizing anything happened.

Henry is at the clinic and Foreman is examining him for what he describes as an absent seizure. Henry says he’s had no previous symptoms and Foreman suspects testicular cancer, but House points out the flaws in the theory. House notes a possible abscess in his brain, or possibly a STD, and orders treatment because if the tests are right, there’s nothing they can do.

House meets with Wilson and, noticing he’s buying chocolate, thinks he’s having an affair despite Wilson’s denials. Then House has to deal with a clinic patient, Tony, who has a thing about cows and wants a tranquilizer. Foreman talks to Henry who says it can’t be anything sexual as he hasn’t had sex since his divorce. Foreman believes Henry and wants to treat him for lymphoma – House figures Henry is lying and talks to him when the daughter Amy isn’t in the room. Henry reveals he did have sex during a cheese-tasting festival with his wife after she had several affairs, but didn’t want Amy to know. House starts giving him STD treatments and Amy returns, and House and Henry lie to cover. But then Henry starts choking and coughing up blood and their forced to intubate.

The new symptoms disprove lymphoma or STDs, and the staff run through other possibilities. House notices Henry’s had acid reflux then takes him off the air. House figure it’s unpasteurized goat cheese with bacteria, which multiplied in his stomach. House gives him treatment for it until the tests come back then has another verbal sparring match with Wilson over his supposed affair. Henry goes into cardiac arrest and House is called in – the test is positive but they got to it too late and he won’t last the week.

House goes to the transplant board but they’re reluctant to approve due to Henry’s age of 65. Foreman gets to give the news that the board voted no on the transplant. House admits he agrees with the board but still signs Cameron’s letter of appeal. Then he meets with Tony again, who supposedly got kicked in the ankle by his cow. House is skeptical of his claim even though Tony agrees to any (painful) tests necessary. Cameron and House work to find a possible heart donor.
– they up with a 40 year old woman from a car accident, one with a bad heart that they can still use rather then nothing at all.

Passing him off as the consulting physician, House meets with the woman’s husband, Ronald, and checks out her health but she had a fever and stomach ache. House lays it out – he needs the wife’s heart. The donor committee declares her heart non-viable but Foreman notices the medical report says she has Hepatitis-C. House disputes the diagnosis based on the fever and stomach pains. Ronald orders the ventilator to be shut down but House keeps it going and appeals to Cuddy. Ronald wants her to be shut down and isn’t thrilled with how House deceived him, but House needs the extra time to determine if the heart is usable. Amy confronts Ronald and thanks him for his donation, and House appeals to Ronald to help her despite his feelings for House. Ronald punches House in the gut... then agrees to let Henry have the heart.

Now House and his staff have to identify the illness and run her through a MRI as Ronald looks on. They find a cyst but it’s not a gall bladder infection – House suspects a liver infection. House orders 20 times the normal dosage since they don’t have to worry about patient viability. Then it’s back to Tony, and House has figured from the blood tests that he eats cows. Tony reveals that he needed the tranquilizers to deal with sexual arousal caused by his mother – House gives him the medication. Then he talks to Wilson who hypothetically agrees he might be having an affair and needs House as someone to have a serious conversation with – House blows him off.

Laura’s heartbeat is irregular and House orders them to stop the medication rather then render the heart unusable. Ronald changes his mind and now insists they have to use her heart to save Henry. It’s back to differential diagnosis and they can’t do a biopsy. Cameron suspects a toxin that targeted the liver and House goes to her house with Ronald. House finds several possibilities, while Henry has further heart problems. Henry has further heart problems. House finds hair dye, sleeping pills, and diet pills, all suggesting she lied to Roanld. None of them explain the fever, but Cameron finds photos of naked teenage boys in her school desk. House figures she may have had gonorrhea which caused scarring of the liver. The tests prove positive and they start giving medication, but it’ll take 4-5 hours and Henry doesn’t have that long.

House goes ahead with the transplant, hoping to treat Henry for gonorrhea once they’ve got him away from deaths’ door. House lies to Ronald long enough for them to get the heart. Cameron prepares to give Ronald the news but he reveals Laura was distant and he had a one-night stand where he got gonorrhea, which he thinks he gave to her and caused her death. Henry revives and his reunited with ex-wife and it’s a happy reunion of sorts.

At home, House is making supper when Wilson shows up – he’s been kicked out by his wife and needs somewhere to stay. He reveals that it’s his wife who was having the affair because he wasn’t spending enough time with her. And House has a new roommate.
Clueless

Season 2
Episode Number: 37
Season Episode: 15

Originally aired: Tuesday March 28, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Thomas L. Moran
Director: Deran Sarafian
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Guest Stars: Yareli Arizmendi (Maid), Peter Birkenhead (Vincent Lambert), Eddie Mills (Bob), Stephanie Erb (Charlotte Lambert), Samantha Mathis (Maria)
Production Code: HOU-215
Summary: House believes a woman is trying to kill her husband and tries to find the proof to confirm his suspicions. When Wilson moves in with House after separating from his wife, he learns Wilson is a great cook.

A woman is getting out of the shower when a man grabs her from behind. He's wearing a stocking and hauls her into the bedroom where they struggle. But then he starts to choke and she asks if she hurt him, then calls an ambulance for Bob… her husband.

House is having problems with his new roommate, Wilson, and tells him he’s going to have to move out. At the hospital, Bob and her wife Maria are discussing his symptoms and their open sex life with Cameron, who is okay with it and bets against House that the couple is happily married. They start a barrage of treatment to diagnose why his threat is swollen.

Later House is meeting with a patient, Vincent, with urination problems but it turns out he has herpes. He denies he’s only had sex with his wife but House is skeptical and provides treatment for Vincent… and his wife, and his daughter, and her karate sensei. Cameron asks Maria about their sexual role-playing and Maria admits there’s only so long a married couple can keep things up without it.

The test come back revealing there’s lung scarring and reduced capacity but there’s no indication of the cause. House is confident there’ll be more symptoms and sure enough, they get a page and find Babe is having a rash on his chest, driving him into uncontrollable scratching.

House and the staff are discussing Bob’s symptoms and ruling out various possibilities – they wander into the restroom and Cameron has to come in as well. House concludes it might be a heavy-metal concentration and House orders tests and a search of their house. While House spars with Wilson over their home life and discovers he’s an excellent cook, Foreman finds ants at the couple’s house but the tests for heavy metals prove negative. House orders treatment for lead poisoning but also orders tests for food allergies. Bob continues to get worse, complaining of extreme foot pain, while Vincent’s wife wants to file a complaint.

Bob goes into breathing arrest again and vomits and they have no choice but to trach him. Foreman insists it’s lupus but House still believes it’s heavy-metal poisoning, but they can’t treat without knowing the specific metal. House continues to take advantage of Wilson’s cooking skills while Cuddy confronts him about Bob’s wife Charlotte. House gets an idea – Bob’s wife Maria is responsible and is trying to kill him. House orders a search of the couple’s house without Maria’s knowledge then confronts her directly. She agrees to let him search her purse and he finds nothing. Cameron insists she’s innocent and Cuddy refuses to let House give her a cavity search.

Undeterred, House watches Maria while Wilson goes on about his ongoing divorce. As they watch, Bob has another respiratory arrest and Foreman suspects a stroke. He revives and Maria
wonders if he’s wrong about her because of her concern and relief. House suspects the lupus
treatment suppressed his bone marrow and left him open to a viral infection. House orders
interferon treatment against the viral infection and Foreman warns Maria there could be side
effects, but there’s no choice.

Maria and Bob share a moment when he thinks he’s dying, and House orders Foreman to
increase the dosage. Then House meets with Vincent and his wife and reveals she has herpes
but doesn’t need an outbreak to spread the virus. When they fight, House suggests one of them
might have got it from a public toilet, and when Bob buys it he figures he’s the one who had the
affair. House sees their wedding ring and gets another idea – he orders a test for heavy-metal
poisoning with gold and orders Cameron to keep Maria out of the bathrooms.

House goes to his house for a vital piece of information where he finds out that Wilson has
taken pity on his maid, who was fired by his wife. She’s rearranged House’s closet and moved
a chest that he’s looking for – his old engagement ring. Maria insists on going to the bathroom
over Cameron’s objections just as House arrives. He goes into the bathroom after her and tells
her that he’ll recover. The bad news is that he didn’t want her to wash her hands because she
has a toxin on it that reacts to the gold ring. She’s been using an uncommon arthritis medicine
found in Mexico (where the couple took a trip) that has gold on it, and she sprinkled it on his
cereal.

The staff is left to speculate why she might have tried to kill her, but they have no answer.
Maria is taken away by the police and Bob starts to respond to the treatment. Cameron pays off
on her bet. Foreman and Chase tell Bob what happened while House heads back to his apartment
to take more of Wilson’s food . . . and erase a message that there’s an apartment available for
Wilson.
A boy, Dan, comes over to a girl's house and has to clean thoroughly before the mother, Barbara, will let him see her daughter Melinda. Dan has to don a mask and it becomes clear Melinda is all but a prisoner in her own home. Melinda insists Dan remove her mask and he reluctantly agrees – they kiss. Then he notices Melinda's skin is blistering and she goes into respiratory distress. He fumbles an injection which her mother manages to administer.

House gets up in the morning before Wilson and sets out dirty dishes to wash. Wilson lets him know Cuddy has called about Melinda going into anaphylactic shock. Wilson thinks House is trying to get him out after his apartment deal fell through. Wilson reveals the reaction occurred when Melinda was in a clean room.

House and staff determine Melinda had a heart transplant and has been in a sterile environment for six months. Foreman believes that’s too long, and House figures someone’s lying. Melinda insists Foreman should let her be released and Barbara admits she’s too protective but with good reason. Cameron and Chase go over the house and figure Dan snuck in via the window and had sex a few nights earlier. They get a sperm sample from Dan and the test shows it’s not responsible, but House is skeptical. He confronts Dan who reveals he took penicillin for a week, and House points out she was allergic to it but it’s out of his system by the time they tested.

After House decides not to tell the parents, Cameron assures them it won’t happen again but then Melinda goes into a seizure and Cameron determines it’s her heart. They try and determine if it actually is congestive heart failure but the tests prove clean. Melinda is worried she’ll lose her transplanted heart.

Wilson arrives home to find that House has left a stethoscope on the door, indicating he’s "not to be disturbed." House finally lets him in hours later only to find no one was in... except House. They discuss the case but Wilson ends up frustrated at his home life. Foreman and the parents go to visit Melinda only to find that she’s gone. They conclude she’s gone outside and Foreman heads for the roof and finds her halfway up the stairs. He talks with Melinda who reveals her mother has always been over-protective. She agrees to go downstairs but Foreman notices her left foot is dragging and she admits it feels "weird." Foreman notices a muscle twitch that’s an indicator of paralysis... starting with the legs.

A DDX proves useless and they run more tests while filtering her blood for the blood cells they believe are causing the problems. House returns home where Wilson confronts him about the missing voice mails and House admits he erased the messages to keep Wilson there. House
points out Wilson might as well stick around until he admits to himself his marriage is over, and all they can do is laugh.

Melinda is getting progressively worse and refuses to see Dan. Foreman suspects mood swings due to the medication but her mother asserts Melinda has given up. Melinda has another attack and they intubate – the paralysis has reached her lungs. House concludes she has botulism from food that Dan brought in and they start another test while House goes to confront Melinda. Melinda’s parents take the staff off the case and put Cuddy in charge, and House goes in. Wilson is providing a consult and Heart interrupts to remove the tube and demand an answer from Melinda. She reveals he was on a non-penicillin antibiotic and Don went through tall grass, picking up ticks that are giving her paralysis. House searches for ticks while Melinda has another attack and Cuddy pulls House off. House appeals to the parents and Wilson recommends a radical drug and they move her to the ICU.

En route to the ICU, Foreman takes Melinda into the elevator where House is waiting. House shuts down the elevator and starts looking for the ticks again. When Foreman goes for him, they struggle and she has another seizure – House convinces Foreman they need to treat the cause, not the symptoms. Working together, they revive her then look for the ticks. They’ve looked over every inch of skin and Foreman starts the elevator, but then House realizes where the tick is – in her vagina. Melinda will recover while House confronts Wilson on how he moved Melinda to ICU to secretly support House.

Melinda is ready to leave and Barbara cuts the cord and lets her go to school and see her friends. House arrives home and he and Wilson share the couch and watch TV. Wilson admits he’s finally called a divorce lawyer.
At a giant heart exhibit at a children’s museum, a group of kids are on a tour. A young boy Ian needs to go to the bathroom, but then the teacher goes into labor and notices the boy is bleeding from the anus.

The clinic is hosting a charity poker tournament and House, Wilson, and Cuddy spar over a hand. They’re interrupted when Ian is brought in and he’s Cuddy’s patient. House takes an interest but Cuddy prefers to remain at the table, unconcerned. He folds and goes to see Ian, and concludes his brain is losing connection to his body. He checks an old file then calls in his staff to check out the case. He compares it to the case of a 73-year old woman from 12 years ago, and predicts Ian will have kidney failure. The woman died after the same progression of symptoms. Chase recalls that House checked out a patient with similar symptoms but it turned out he didn’t have the same illness, and claims House is obsessed with the case and sees the symptoms everywhere.

Cameron talks to the parents and Foreman finds purple papula like House predicted, but nothing or anything else to explain the bleeding. The test for Erdheim-Chester proves negative. House orders a kidney biopsy and meets with the patient, and determines that his kidneys are shutting down as predicted.

It’s back to DDX as they consider the new symptoms but nothing matches up. Foreman wants to call in Cuddy as Ian is her patient, but House gets Wilson to distract her by setting him up to lose so she’ll stick around. Cameron tries to reassure the parents without much success. Foreman and Cameron report they found a small mass on the pituitary gland, predicting lymphoma. However, the tests for lymphoma show negative. House then breaks into the cafeteria and grabs a coffee, while predicting the next symptom, liver failure, will kick in in 90 minutes. House orders any and all possible treatments then calls Wilson to help him win to keep Cuddy going.

The liver continues to function but Ian’s platelet count drops, but House believes it’s a good sign for no other reason then it’s a different symptom. Ian goes into respiratory distress and House adds it to his list of symptoms. He concludes that Ian is getting worse, and faster then his original patient. They need an oncologist and House calls Wilson to get a consult. House tells Wilson to go all in and he wins, much to House’s surprise. Wilson finally comes up when House tells him what’s going on, and tries to determine why their interferon treatment caused
the respiratory distress. Wilson determines that Ian might have Kawasaki’s, which doesn’t affect the elderly and might account for Ian’s problems. They check his arteries for aneurysms and it turns up negative, but they see a small mass in his heart. House orders a biopsy and probes the heart, and Ian goes into coronary failure. They manage to revive him after eight minutes and then House continues the probe.

As they continue the DDX Cuddy hears from the parents and comes in to check up and order House off the case. House gives them the papula which is all they have, and they can do maybe three tests on it. The tests prove negative for what they’re looking for and they’re running out of samples. With only one test option remaining, House goes to see Ian and he and Cuddy have a moment. House then goes outside where he talks to Wilson, who announces he won the tournament with a pair of hidden aces. House orders a test for Erdheim-Chester, which they’ve already tested for and proved negative. House figures it hadn’t reached Ian’s gastrointestinal tract yet but now it’s active. House overrides them and orders the last test, and it turns out...positive. They give Ian the proper treatment and he revives. As they take down the decorations for the poker tourney, House and Wilson play a hand and
Sleeping Dogs Lie

Season 2
Episode Number: 40
Season Episode: 18

Originally aired: Tuesday April 18, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Sara Hess
Director: Greg Yaitanes
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Guest Stars: Kendall Clement (Anesthesiologist), K.T. Thangavelu (Surgeon), Julia Ling (Anne), Alice Lo (Mrs. Ling), Jayma Mays (Hannah), Dahlia Salem (Max)
Production Code: HOU-218
Summary: House has to work fast when a woman comes in with a life-threatening case of insomnia. Meanwhile Cameron is angry at Foreman for stealing an article she worked on.

A woman, Hannah, is trying to get to sleep with no success. She goes down to get a glass of wine and the next morning her roommate goes down to find Hannah has overdosed on sleeping pills.

House is dozing in the office away from home (and Wilson) when Cuddy interrupts him with Hannah’s case – she hasn’t slept in 10 days. House is skeptical of her claim until Cuddy explains even the sleeping pills didn’t help. Cameron is griping about Foreman writing about a case she was working on when House interrupts. Cameron is more concerned about Foreman’s supposed theft of her article while House suggests an optical disease that is disrupting signals to Hannah’s brain.

Cameron tests her optic nerve and Hannah dozes off for 10 seconds in the middle of the test, but has no memory of it. House wants to stress her brain by keeping her entirely awake and the staff take shifts waking her up. Then she starts bleeding rectally and they have to give her a painful colonostomy without sedating her. In the middle of the test she starts bleeding from the nose.

The test of the nasal blood shows nothing and Cameron and Foreman feud over potential diagnoses. House notices she got a poison ivy rash about the same time Hannah stopped sleeping, and orders a treatment for Wegener’s granulomatosis. House orders initial treatment then goes to see a clinic patient, Mrs. Ling, who wants birth control pills for her PMS. House concludes she has a cold and the daughter Anne is trying to get the pills.

Cameron confronts House about not signing off on her article and he points out she has high expectations. Chase and Foreman administer the test but Hannah goes into rapid-eye movement without realizing it. It disproves House’s diagnosis and it’s back to DDX where House figures the treatment for her poison ivy suppressed her allergy to the dog her girlfriend Max gave her a month ago. House goes ahead and allows a scratch test and Cameron asks Hannah if she had an allergic reaction – Hannah eventually cops to it and admits she’s tired of Max and is secretly planning to break up with her. Hannah complains about back pain and Cameron discovers purplish bruises from internal bleeding. Foreman announces that the tests show her liver has shut down but they can’t get a transplant without knowing it and Hannah only has six hours left. House approaches Max and Hannah and gives them the facts and Max volunteers her liver to give Hannah time to get diagnosed.

Now that they have 36 extra hours, and House overrides Cameron’s concerns about the ethical dilemma. They have no choice but to run as many tests as possible. House goes to Cuddy to get
permission for the transplant and feels her out on the ethical issues without actually saying anything and she goes along with it rather then let Hannah die. Cuddy does what she can to convince Max of the risks but she’s willing to go through it with the woman she loves.

Meanwhile, Cameron puts pressure on Hannah to tell Max. Wilson visits House to give him grief about how both the articles were good from different sides, and he feels Foreman should have told Cameron. House dismisses Wilson’s concerns while Cameron gets Hannah and Max alone together before the operation. House realizes what’s up and interrupts them to sedate Hannah. Cameron points out House wants Hannah to keep quiet so Max can prolong her life and he can solve the puzzle. The surgery goes ahead while Cameron tells Cuddy about the article and they’re interrupted when Max’s heart stops. House tells Cameron to get to work with her patient. Hannah, and stop worrying about Max.

Max recovers and the tests prove negative for cancer, mushrooms, etc., and they have to turn off the immuno-suppressant drugs to get a clear reading on what her problem might be. Mrs. Ling and Anne are back and Mrs. Ling got her daughter’s birth control pills. House tells Mrs. Ling her daughter is taking birth control pills (demonstrating his mastery of Mandarin) and leaves the family to fight it out.

House finally figures out what’s going on – he reveals nodes under her right arm that demonstrate she has the Black Plague. She got it from fleas carried by the dog she was given, and their treatments blocked the plague from fully manifesting. They order treatment while Cameron finds out that Max knew about Hannah leaving her all the time, and figures donating the liver might get her to stay out of guilt. Cameron apologizes to Foreman and suggests they both apologize, but Foreman points out they’re not really friends, just colleagues, and he doesn’t have anything to apologize for.
A young faith healer, Boyd, is giving a service and "heals" a woman, allowing her to walk as his father Walter looks on. But as Boyd leads the congregation he has a series of spasms and collapse to the ground.

House shows up for work and Wilson tries to collect his stuff, but he’s also peeved that House doesn’t want him at his weekly poker party. Meanwhile Cameron and Foreman are giving Boyd tests and he claims to talk to God and knows about Cameron’s ongoing feud with Foreman. The tests show low sodium and diluted urine, and House is skeptical of Boyd’s religious beliefs and God in general. House orders preliminary treatment and goes to talk to Boyd and finds him lucid, then notices he’s drinking water from a previously opened bottle.

Wilson is meeting with a cancer patient, Grace, who wants to go off of her pain medicine. House interrupts for a consult to basically confirm his own theory and rant about God. Boyd wakes up and starts walking through the halls, singing hymns. He walks up to a water fountain and sings out, then vaguely recovers. As Chase leads him back to his bed, Boyd sees Grace, knows she’s sick, and lays hands upon her.

The staff conducts a new meeting and House goes with a MRI when Wilson barges in and is upset that Grace is feeling better but she’ll crash when she realizes she hasn’t been cured. Chase chats with Boyd while Foreman and Cameron have a chat about religion and Cameron is dismissive of Foreman’s attempts to be friendly. Later Boyd comes in to talk with House who accuses him of playing with people and Boyd talks about what God has said to him about House. He concludes by telling House that God wants him to invite Wilson to his poker game.

House confronts Wilson who denies he said anything to Boyd. The MRI shows an abnormal area showing tubular sclerosis and they prepare to operate – House believes the growth is responsible for Boyd’s "symptoms." Wilson talks to Grace who has gained a hope for the future and Wilson tries to caution her. Foreman and Chase give Boyd and Walter the news and he refuses surgery. House asks Wilson to talk to Boyd and Wilson agrees if House will let him into his poker game. House does so and Wilson convinces Boyd that if he’s truly a saint then his humility would let him agree to the tests.

At his house that night, House is playing the piano when Wilson comes in and reveals that the tests show Grace’s tumor has shrunk. House demands all of her records and orders her to be kept away from Boyd – she does so anyway. House realizes the only way Boyd will agree to the surgery if they can prove Grace is dying and Boyd didn’t heal her. The staff now tries to diagnose her cure and check out her home while House orders Boyd to stay for 24 hours.
Wilson shows up at the poker game and they play while House provides guidance to his team over the phone, interrupting his winning streak. At her house, Chase finds that Grace has a boyfriend and slips out just ahead of her boyfriend returning. House figures that Grace told Boyd about the poker game when she learned it from Wilson, who is her boyfriend.

Boyd is preparing to check out with his father’s permission while Wilson storms out after accusing House of hating religion because he always has to know the rules and be in control. They’re interrupted by a call – Boyd is running a fever. It’s back to differential diagnosis and House concludes the tubular sclerosis isn’t responsible and it’s time for a lumbar puncture but Boyd refuses man’s treatment. They appeal to Walter but he prefers to leave it in God’s hands.

House gets Wilson to intervene but then figures out that Boyd had a herpes virus which he got from sex and gave to Grace which attacked her tumor and caused it to go into temporary remission. House finally gets Walter to order Boyd to undress and they find the tell-tale sore.

Later Boyd meets with House and wishes him good luck with his life of certainty. Grace is still happy even though the cancer is coming back. And House and Wilson are good.
Euphoria (1)

Season 2
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Season Episode: 20

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Guest Stars: Chil Kong (Morgue Tech), Chioke Dmachi (Baby Shoes), Loreni Delgado (Haines), Calvin King (Transvestite), Guy Nardulli (Coughing Cop), Scott Michael Campbell (Joe)
Production Code: HOU-220
Summary: When a police officer with a gunshot wound to the head and uncontrollable laughter is admitted, House and the team are baffled. When Foreman begins showing the same symptoms, they race to determine the cause of the illness before Foreman’s condition takes the same path.

Two policemen pursue a suspect, Baby Shoes, through the streets in a car chase. He gets out and makes a run for it, and ends up hiding in a trash can at a dead end. The officer Joe tells the guy to get out but starts laughing uncontrollably. The criminal goes for his gun, shoots the officer, and runs. A fragment of the bullet enters his brain and Joe lies in his own blood, laughing.

Foreman receives a congratulations from his father about the article he stole from Cameron, but Foreman is less than enthused. House interrupts with the cop’s case and they discuss the symptoms and suspect heightened CO levels. House orders him put into a hyperbaric chamber while Foreman checks out the cop’s home which is a mess and takes a variety of samples. He also finds marijuana. House checks out the precinct and notices a cop coughing near an air conditioner. Foreman and House disagree over the cause and Joe starts to recover.

They administer more tests and realize that Joe is blind – something is disrupting the signals from his optic nerves. They wonder if bullet fragments are responsible but can’t do a MRI without possibly pulling out the bullets. They administer an angio while it becomes clear Foreman has issues with the police in general, as well as knowing the bullet is ferrous. There are indications of clotting and they discuss it down in the morgue. House decides to shoot a corpse to test the bullet type and how the MRI will affect it. As they check, House wonders about Foreman’s attitude as he’s acting increasingly frivolous. They run the MRI and the bullets are pulled out through the corpse’s skull.

The MRI is out of condition for two weeks and they use ultrasound to look for clots. Joe starts bleeding from the eyes and goes into shock as Foreman starts to laugh hysterically. They put Foreman into quarantine with Joe and he vehemently denies there’s anything wrong. House brings in a portable MRI to scan Foreman’s head and starts taking blood tests from the staff. They find a lesion near the center of the brain that controls euphoria but are stumped as to the cause. House also wonders why Cameron is so willing to give Foreman a break now that he’s sick.

Chase takes samples from Foreman, who is insistent on being involved. He comes up with a diagnosis of a staph infection but House is skeptical. House wants to do a biopsy on Joe’s brain but the previous treatment prevents them from doing so. House plans to do the biopsy on Foreman and talks to him, noticing that Foreman isn’t laughing. House gives him a release
to sign and has to show him the MRI to get him to agree. Foreman insists on being treated for the staph infection he suspects and House reluctantly agrees. They insert a oyma reservoir to administer the anti-staff medicine and House decides to do his biopsy while he’s in there.

That night Joe and Foreman have a heart-to-heart and Joe wants them to pray. The tests prove negative and House orders more tests but refuses to let anyone go to Joe’s apartment. Wilson notes that House is feeling guilty and House blows him off. Joe is starting to experience more pain and Foreman wonders why the biopsy shows nothing. Foreman insists Cameron or someone should go to the apartment and he gets mad and sticks her with a needle, exposing her. He tells her she has to either go to the apartment, or end up in quarantine with her.

While House and Chase go over the tests and Joe is in increasing pain, Cameron breaks into the apartment. Foreman administers more morphine to Joe, putting him dangerously close to death, and House refuses to intervene. But it quickly wears off and as Foreman looks on, Joe screams in pain as the damage spreads to the pain center of the brain. They put Joe into a coma. House realizes that something is up when Foreman doesn’t react to Cameron’s absence.

House goes to Joe’s apartment and confronts Cameron, pointing out the chance of infection from the needle is small. He wonders what Foreman would have to do to get Cameron to hate him, then takes the bag full of samples from her. House suspects something is up when he notices Joe has three loaves of bread. He sends Cameron out to feed the pigeons and they react quickly, confirming that Joe has been feeding them. Cameron finds the bucket where Joe has been collecting the guano, and cryptococcus neoformans has been building up in it then spread to Joe and Foreman.

Cameron waits for the test results while Chase and Foreman discuss Cameron’s reaction. When she gets the results she runs for the quarantine chamber and tells them the tests for cryptococcus neoformans are negative – House is wrong. Joe goes into defib and Foreman tries to revive him without success.

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House goes to Cuddy to get a bone saw to get a brain sample of Joe's brain. Cuddy refuses, concerned about the bio-safety hazard. She's called in the CDC but it'll take three days and Foreman only has 36 hours. House goes to Foreman in quarantine and walks him through an autopsy. Cuddy calls in security but before they can get in, Foreman goes blind without realizing it and fails to get a sample.

House and his remaining staff go over what they've tried so far and what they've eliminated, and House orders multiple treatments even though it'll mess up their tests. House goes to Joe's apartment and with Foreman's help over the phone walks through what Foreman did while using his rat. Foreman then calls his father while House watches the rat, waiting for it to manifest symptoms.

While he waits, House meets with a clinic patient whose mother reports she's been having epileptic fits. House concludes the girl has "gratification disorder." Foreman recovers his sight but now they don't know which medicine helped, and his pancreas shuts down from the treatments. House suggests they stop the treatment to buy time and Foreman agrees, and then his father Rodney shows up. House takes him to Cuddy after telling Rodney about the autopsy that could save his son's life. Cuddy explains the situation and Rodney accepts it.

Rodney then talks to Eric and Eric lies to him about the painful part of his upcoming death. House is planning how to get to Joe's corpse while Eric and his father discuss their family, particularly his mother who has Alzheimer's. They argue over Rodney's religious beliefs and Eric is skeptical – Rodney promises to pray for him.

Foreman gets worse and faster than Joe did – House seizes on the discrepancy and notes that the rat still isn't showing symptoms and may be the key. Cuddy goes to visit Eric and he's angry she isn't letting the autopsy go ahead to save his life. House arrives and notes that the cop had Legionnaire's disease – it slowed down the fatal disease in Joe. House exposes him to it after Eric refuses to be infected with Legionnaire's.

Cameron monitors Foreman as his temperature drops and the pain doesn't increase. House pursues the rat angle and wonders why Cameron isn't getting sick as well. He concludes that Foreman's body isn't recognizing the disease but then the Legionnaire's triggered the antibodies. House thinks the answer is listeria but the treatment will kill the Legionnaire's as well. Foreman insists House do a white-matter biopsy on him despite the risks. House refuses, and Foreman reluctantly concedes for now.
House goes to confront Rodney with the fact they’ll be putting Foreman in a coma. Rodney agrees to let House make the medical decisions, trusting Eric’s description of him as the best doctor Foreman knows. Foreman wants Cameron to act as his medical proxy and apologizes for stealing her article. Cameron refuses to accept his apology but agrees to act as his proxy. She tells House they need to do the biopsy but House refuses.

Chase talks to Rodney and advises him to tell Eric he loves him. Rodney visits his son in quarantine and assures him, asserting he knows it’ll turn out okay. They have a tender moment and then Cameron induces the coma... but not before accepting his apology.

Wilson meets with House to tell him to do the biopsy since Eric only has four hours left. Cameron comes in to order the biopsy, revealing she is his proxy. Rodney is upset that Eric didn’t trust him but Cameron is insistent. House asks for one hour to go back to Joe’s apartment and find a dead animal they can do a biopsy on. House goes in without a suit and finds a blind pigeon. The pigeon flies away but he spots a leaking pipe and concludes the water for Joe’s marijuana is on a timed system. House figures out it’s on a separate water system and determines the culprit is the Naegleria parasite... but Cameron has already determined that from the biopsy she ordered.

Cameron tells Rodney that Eric can be cured of the disease... but they don’t know how the biopsy affected him. Foreman eventually wakes up and his brain is fine... but he can’t wiggle his left toes and when he tries to raise his right arm he raises his left instead.
Brent wakes up in the morning to hear the baby crying. He manages to wake himself up despite a stomach bug as his wife Kara comes in with their baby, who has colic. He leaves for work but vomits halfway up the stairs. He comes back up to the bathroom to find his wife giving the baby a bath but she’s passed out and the baby is under the water.

Kara and her baby Mikey are taken by EMTs to the clinic where Chase attends. House and Wilson come in and discuss how Wilson will be going to dinner with Cuddy to discuss funding. Cameron is waiting for House to announce Chase is working the NICU on Cuddy’s orders and Foreman is recovering but shows up and looks great, although House is skeptical. House is not impressed with Kara’s seizure symptoms until Cameron reveals they’ve already eliminated all the obvious causes.

House sneaks into Cuddy’s office to meet her when she comes in and they spar over her “date” with Wilson. House realizes Chase asked for the assignment to NICU and concludes he wants to get away from House. Cameron and Foreman discuss how he might have to teach, but Foreman is comfortable with it after having been given a second chance. The baby’s lung collapses while Kara has another seizure in the MRI.

Mother and child have recovered for now and the staff eliminate most symptoms, but House picks up on Foreman’s suggestion—myelomas meningitis. Chase is skeptical of House’s diagnosis and says he needed a break from dishonest patients, like the drug-dealing cop that almost got Foreman killed. House doesn’t believe that and tells Chase to give the baby ECMO treatment to remove and recycle his blood.

Wilson and Cuddy go on their dinner date and they have an awkward chat over Wilson’s divorce until they end up discussing... nothing else. Kara wakes up while Foreman determines Brent and Kara met in AA. House and Foreman are discussing the case when House notices the baby is missing and Kara is trying to smother him.

The lack of oxygen damaged Mikey’s lungs, and Brent won’t accept that Kara tried to kill their son. Cameron concludes Kara is psychotic when she talks about “voices” and she faked a seizure when her husband caught her trying to kill Mikey, but House believes it’s a physical...
ailment. While Cameron expresses her own frustration with Foreman over his niceness, Wilson administers a cancer test to Cuddy's spoon from the dinner and House suggests Wilson wants it to be a date.

Mikey's heart rate is increasing while Kara has another seizure according to the readings, but she doesn't react and they conclude she's in encephalopathic delirium as a result of vitamin deficiency – Pellagra. The baby goes into defib and then dies.

Foreman asks Kara some questions when she wakes up and she remembers attacking her son. He finally tells her that Mikey died and she starts crying then vomits blood. They try to diagnose her new symptoms while Chase tries to overcome his guilt over prescribing the wrong treatment for Mikey. House latches on to something and asks Brent for Mikey, who is holding his dead son. House needs the baby for the biopsy to diagnose the mother, and confronts Brent over the fact he was drunk rather than had the stomach flu, and avoided facing the facts about Kara's psychosis.

Brent agrees, and House then confronts Chase and reveals Chase has been working for extra cash and he was cut out of his father's will. Chase says a prayer over Mikey's body before doing the autopsy. Wilson reveals Cuddy is negative for cancer and Chase discovers the baby's intestines showed flattened villi. House realizes the baby and mother had celiac disease, which is triggered by stress. The disease damaged their small intestines, which couldn't absorb the proper vitamins. Chase's treatment didn't work because the same damage to the baby's villi prevented it from absorbing the medicine. And it led to Kara having stomach cancer.

House then meets with Cuddy and reveals that her estrogen levels are too high – she's taking fertility meds with Red Clover as an herbal booster. Cuddy's trying to get pregnant and is looking for a donor, and she figures House will tell Wilson so they can laugh it up. Kara refuses to let anyone touch her and House talks to her. She doesn't want to live and House accepts that, telling Foreman that it's the same as what he went through and he can't go back to calmly accepting things.

Brent goes in to see Kara and asks her to ask Mikey for forgiveness for him when she meets him. House doesn't reveal to Wilson what Cuddy was up to. And Foreman works to master his knowledge of medical terminology again.
Leona and her father Crandall are taking a plane flight and talking about her mother and how she survived eight months after Katrina and found out Crandall is her father. Then she starts to hallucinate that the plane is flooding and collapses.

House is hobbling around his apartment in pain and can’t get to sleep. Come the morning, he’s about to take morphine when Cuddy calls with Leona’s case – she went into cardiac shock but didn’t have a heart attack. Dylan recognizes House – they’re old friends. House suspects arrhythmia and plans to induce it, much to Cameron’s distaste. House goes to Crandall and admits he’s skeptical about Leona being his daughter – he figures Leona is scamming Crandall. They induce arrhythmia and eventually pinpoint the part of the heart causing the hallucinations and administer treatment.

House goes to Cuddy after reviewing her choice of sperm donors and isn’t satisfied with any of them. Leona hallucinates her mother in the next bed with water pouring off of her and they conclude she isn’t cured. House goes with an atypical seizure and suspects the heart attack is unrelated and the hallucination is caused by the resulting pain. To test Leona’s response to pain, they put her in the MRI and then start hurting her. House also questions her over Crandall being her father but Leona refuses. She eventually hallucinates in response to the pain.

House is still having trouble with his leg and determines Leona needs bone marrow due to auto-immune deficiency. Crandall demands that House use his bone marrow and refuses to let House do a paternity test. House meets with a mother and her child whose skin is turning red, and House quickly figures out the boy has been sitting on a red couch when wet. He’s interrupted by Cuddy who needs him to give her a fertility injection and she can’t reveal her secret to anyone else. House does so as they spar over her plans.

Leona is hooked up for more tests and House and Wilson discuss Crandall but they’re interrupted when a thick black ooze emerges from Leona’s mouth. They determine it contains stool samples – there’s a blockage in her digestive system and it’s working in reverse. They start a liver biopsy and House advises Crandall not to get attached to her. Wilson and House talk about the case and Wilson wonders why House cares. House reveals he had once gotten involved with Crandall’s fiance.

They’re in the middle of the liver biopsy when House calls them in to stop after listening to a CD of her grandfather who was having trouble making out pitch. House also determines she has
iron deposits in her melanin like her grandfather and proposes another treatment once Foreman confirms the iron deposits.

House then meets with a new intern, Patrick, in Cuddy’s office, much to her surprise. She soon figures out Patrick is one of her proposed donors and makes a hasty exit. Chase gives Leona the treatment but the iron damages her lungs and she goes into respiratory distress. House figures since the iron is supposed to be discharged as waste but Leona’s waste system isn’t working, the iron went to her lungs and attached to mold, destroying her lungs. Foreman suspects fungus and House goes with a broad-spectrum treatment.

House gives Cuddy her next injection and suggests she finds someone she trusts. She suspects he’s talking about himself but House is dismissive. Wilson then goes to House, who is getting a leg massage from Ingrid, and Cameron shows up to reveal Leona’s treatment isn’t working. It’s back to diagnostic and House determines Leona was lying about where she was so he goes to wake her up and question her via eye blink. She finally admits she was lying and writes down where she was at.

House reveals to the staff that Leona was at a recording studio in New Orleans after the flooding and they figure the soundproofing absorbed moisture and they identify the right mold. Crandall sits with Leona while Cuddy says thanks to House for the injections and then leaves. Leona starts to revive and House reveals he lied to Crandall and he ran the paternity test – he tells her Crandall is her father. But later at his apartment he reads the paternity test, which confirms Leona isn’t Crandall’s daughter. And House has finally taken that shot of morphine.
House tends to a man, Vince, with a swollen tongue and a temperature of 103. Foreman isn’t concerned and prepares to take off when a man comes in, identifies House, pulls out a gun, and shoots him. House stares up at the man who deliberately aims and shoots again.

House wakes up two days later to find Cameron at his bed but he’s more interested in the patient with the swollen tongue. The shooter is brought in – he was shot by a security guard. House staggers out to visit Vince but Cameron figures they’ve got it under control. House then goes to Cuddy and reveals that his leg pain feels better, even without the morphine. House assumes something went wrong with the surgery.

House then wakes up the shooter and asks why he tried to kill him. The man says he wanted House to live and suffer. House responds by turning off the man’s morphine. Foreman and Chase are doing a biopsy which triggers a seizure, and the staff go to House. House tells them to do a lumbar puncture but Foreman warns against the risks. Chase notes that the patient is now in more danger and House agrees with him.

That night the shooter reveals House treated his wife, who lived. But the man notes he’d told House he had an affair but it had nothing to do with his wife’s illness and House told her about the affair anyway. The shooter reveals she then killed herself over the news.

House goes out and checks in on Vince and meets his wife Judy. Judy knows about House from a friend he treated and isn’t that impressed. House wonders why the attractive Judy married the relatively homely Vince and asks if she had an affair. She tells him she’s always been faithful. The lumbar puncture goes well but when they roll Vince over, they see he’s bleeding into his eye, which pops out of the socket. At the same time House starts bleeding after he tears out his stitches.

They put House back together and he spars with the shooter over his affair – the man reveals his wife killed herself in their garage. House then goes out for a taco lunch to discuss the case, orders some tests, and when he mentions the wife Judy, Cameron reveals Vince is a widower.
House is talking with Wilson and wonders if “Judy” was a hallucination. House still is worried that the surgery caused neural damage and then confronts Cuddy, asking why a surgeon administered ketamine and put him in a disassociative coma. Cuddy reveals she ordered the treatment as a chance to give House back his leg, but he's upset that she did so without his approval. Cuddy questions him about neurological symptoms and House denies anything is wrong.

They don't find with the tests and House wonders if blood in the lining might be causing the fever. Chase concludes the tongue is connected to the lymphatic glands where wastes might be discharging. The shooter challenges House on Chase’s diagnosis, noting that House might be getting dumber. Vince is back out of post-op but the recent surgery didn't help. Chase takes Vince to the bathroom where he starts bleeding from the groin.

House considers the new symptom and first suggests kidney issues, incorrectly. Then Foreman suggests testicular cancer and again House is worried that he has brain damage because he missed that. Wilson suggests House wants a reason to be unhappy and defends Cuddy. House wonders why Wilson is defending Cuddy and figures out Wilson knew about Cuddy’s plan as well. House confronts Cuddy and Wilson and angrily slugs Wilson. And then House realizes he hallucinated the whole thing, he’s back in his bed, and the shooter taunts him.

The staff report the tests are negative and House tries out his new legs and then wonders how he got to their meeting – he doesn’t remember how they got from the ICU to the hallway. House then goes to Cuddy and takes himself off the case, admitting he’s blacking out. But Cuddy then confirms House’s previous “hallucination” and determines that now he’s hallucinating. He’s back in his bed, as the shooter looks on.

House has lunch with the shooter at the taco place and wonders what is and isn’t a hallucination, although he’s pretty sure it’s a hallucination at the moment. The shooter suggests he just keeps tossing out suggestions and his team will correct him if he’s wrong. House questions the basics of the biopsy and suggests they do surgery but Chase believes that will kill Vince. House comes up with a way to do the surgery using a robot and uses Cameron to demonstrate it to Vince. The demonstration is successful and House tells Vince he has no choice.

House is back in bed going over the tests and the shooter taunts him over the lack of meaning in his life. House hallucinates that he’s in a car with Judy as she committed suicide, then turns with a tear in his eye and apologizes.

House goes into the surgery room and points out the staff never pulled him off the case, and never challenged him on any of his theories. House confronts them and then tries to stop the surgery. He thinks he needs to push the hallucination to its limits and tries to operate on Vince, cutting into him and killing him. Everyone looks on in horror... but then a bullet falls out of Vince’s hand. House picks it up then wakes up to realize he’s being rushed to E.R. after being shot. House tells them to tell Cuddy to administer the ketamine.
Season Three
Meaning

Season 3
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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Remy Thorne (Kid), Terry Rhoads (Artie), Eamon Hunt (Surgeon), Edward Edwards (Richard), Carter Jenkins (Mark), Clare Kramer (Caren), Kathleen Quinlan (Arlene)
Production Code: HOU-301
Summary: After recovering from his gunshot wounds, House works feverishly on two cases at the same time: a paralyzed man who drove his wheelchair into a swimming pool and a woman who became paralyzed after a yoga session.

At a family swim party, the father Richard is paralyzed in a wheelchair, and non-responsive to his family. Then he drives the wheelchair into the pool.

House is jogging to work, while Cuddy and Wilson discuss the paralyzed man's case among others to find one to hit him with on his first day back since his recovery. Cuddy wonders if the ketamine treatment might wear off but House believes it's permanent. They give him the case of a woman practicing yoga who apparently snapped her neck and went into paralysis but the x-rays show no spinal damage. House is interested, but also notices Richard’s case and ignores the report of brain cancer, deciding to take both cases.

House starts with his staff on diagnosis of the yoga woman and then Richard. House has the man undergo tendon surgery to make him more comfortable while House talks with the wife Arlene and son Mark. Mark believes it was an accident but House suggests it might be suicide, but that means his dad is still there. Cameron interrupts to tell him something about the woman but is more interested in House actually meeting with his patient and his family. House finally discovers that the paralyzed woman, Caren, can move and tells her to get out despite her claims that she’s not faking.

Later Wilson asks House about his meeting with the patient’s family and wonders if House is looking for a normal case to give himself meaning after his shooting and hallucination. House wonders why he didn’t feel anything when the wife thanked him, but he’s called in to check Caren, who is having tightness of the chest. House thinks she’s bluffing again and tries to bluff her out of it and then realizes she has a congested heart and starts draining off the fluid.

They have to continue draining the blood off and go back to differential diagnosis. House suspects the paralysis was delusional but she also had a heart condition and orders exploratory surgery. Cuddy meets with House to question him on the exploratory surgery and tells him to stop, as well as reduce Richard’s morphine drip.

Wilson confronts House on his issues again and after the tests prove negative, the exploratory surgery on Caren is on. House notices that her toenail is discolored and cancels the surgery. It turns out she has scurvy due to a lack of Vitamin C. Richard is being released and House and Arlene talk out her intent to keep caring for her husband and House wonders how it reflects on him. But as she lifts him out of bed House hears him making gurgling noises and realizes he’s talking.
House orders a new differential diagnosis on Richard and Wilson suspects House is bored now that he’s "normal" and trying to come up with a mystery. As he leaves he notices pain in his formerly bad leg.

House’s staff put together all the symptoms and House suspects a pancreatic cyst and orders an ultrasound, but Foreman warns Richard’s throat will collapse. House dismisses his concerns and has Cameron get Arlene’s consent. Chase begins the procedure but Richard’s throat collapses and they’re forced to trach him and remove the probe.

Richard recovers but they determine the pancreas was clean. House suspects first cancer and then notes the throat locked down rather than collapsed, and there’s a lesion disrupting the signals. House wants to go into Richard’s brain and Cameron tells him to go to Arlene himself. He does so and hints it might help him recover, and Arlene approves, saying Richard’s already dead. They run the test but notice bleeding from his ear—he’s hemorrhaging from the brain.

The staff confronts House and he goes over the symptoms again. First Cameron and then Foreman refuse, but Chase goes along with it. Cuddy calls House on it and accuses him of playing a hunch, then says she’ll be sending Richard home the next morning. House goes to Wilson and reveals his leg hurts and wants Vicodin, but Wilson thinks it’s middle-age pains and House is either overreacting or trying to scam him. House goes jogging and ends up trying to cool down in a fountain, then figures it out.

House goes to Cuddy’s house via the window and reveals that Richard has hyperthamlic disregulation and tried to cool off by driving himself into the pool—he has Addison’s disease. Cuddy is still skeptical and refuses to okay the cortisol treatment necessary to cure Richard.

The next morning Richard is discharged and House acknowledges to Wilson that Cuddy was right and he has no reason to believe he’s right. But Cuddy is watching Arlene take her husband out and administers a cortisol injection. She tests him for reaction and initially he shows something, but as they get in the elevator Richard reacts, releasing his safety belt and getting up to walk.

Cuddy goes to tell House but Wilson tells her not to do it, because all he did was get lucky. She reluctantly agrees. At the end House sneaks into Wilson’s office and writes himself a prescription for Vicodin.
A boy in bed, Clancy, calls out for a drink and refuses to go bed. She finally gets him settled down but then he calls out to have his TV on and talks to his dad who also tells him to asleep. Clancy is worried about someone coming to get him. After his dad leaves, Clancy turns on the TV but it starts to flicker, the room shakes, and a bright white light shines in through the window. The next morning the dad comes into find Clancy gone. They search the house, unaware he's lying on the yard bleeding from the rectum.

House goes out for a run but first takes some of his purloined vicodin. Arriving at the hospital, he starts to show some pain and Cuddy and Wilson notice as he comes in. Cuddy wants to tell House about how he cured Richard the brain cancer patient, but Wilson advises that she don't so they can break House from his addiction to puzzles. Clancy has been brought in and they review the symptoms, including Clancy's tale of alien abduction. Chase, a UFO believer, runs some bleeding disorder tests on Clancy, who says he has a metal chip on the back of his neck. Chase plays along with him and pretends to remove the chip, but Clancy sees through it.

Chase doesn't find anything but House has Foreman run the test for a bleeding disorder and it comes up positive. House still thinks Chase screwed up but Cameron suggests the bleeding is on a pattern. Chase goes to run the tests and finds Clancy missing. Chase tracks him down to a room where Clancy is trying to remove his imaginary chip... but it's not imaginary.

The chip is made out of titanium, like a surgical pin that Clancy had removed years ago. Chase wonders how the chip got to his neck but House figures it moved through the body and notes that Clancy's blood is clotting again. While they run more tests, Cameron is downstairs and runs into Richard undergoing physical therapy. She didn't know about his recovery and Cameron confronts Cuddy over it and Cameron figure out what's going on. Cameron confronts Wilson and Cuddy and runs into Richard undergoing physical therapy. She didn't know about his recovery and Cameron confronts Cuddy over it and Cameron figure out what's going on. Cameron confronts Wilson and Cuddy and runs into Richard undergoing physical therapy. She didn't know about his recovery and Cameron confronts Cuddy over it and Cameron figure out what's going on. Cameron confronts Wilson and Cuddy and runs into Richard undergoing physical therapy. She didn't know about his recovery and Cameron confronts Wilson and Cuddy over their lie to House. The team run the differential diagnosis and Cameron suggests they run a test to "light up" the discrepant DNA. Cameron confronts Wilson and Cuddy over their lie to House. The team run the
test and Foreman suspects something is up when Cameron’s diagnoses are better than House’s. Cameron tells him what’s going on but the tests prove negative for a neurological problem. They run a catheter up Clancy’s leg to fix the heart problem and remove the damaged cells, then put him to bed for the night.

Wilson gives House some vicodin and suggests he start running. House refuses and Wilson accuses him of avoiding the truth. House later runs on a treadmill privately but the pain over-whelms him and he’s forced to take some vicodin. In his room, Clancy hallucinates levitating out of the bed and a bright white light shining through the window. Clancy is actually going through a seizure, and it’s back to differential diagnosis. House suggests they put the genetic tag directly into the brain but there’s still no sign of neurological problems.

House, showing signs of stress on his leg, goes off on his own to consider the white board. Finally he tells them to send Clancy home once his blood pressure is stabilized—he’s stumped for now. Cameron goes to Cuddy and Cuddy confronts House about how he’s giving up. House notices something is up and Cuddy is acting guilty and she finally comes clean. At the same time House realizes what’s up—Clancy has two sets of DNA because he’s “two people.” Clancy was created via in vitro fertilization and there’s a second set of DNA in the brain. House suggests they electrify the hallucination center of the brain and only the second DNA set (which is responsible for the hallucinations) will activate. Then they can remove the cells and cure him. House needs more current, despite the chance of brain damage, and then confronts Clancy directly to provoke a hallucination. That gives them a clear enough trace to find and remove the cells.

Later House confronts Wilson and tells him about how Cuddy lied to him, but he’s figured it’s Wilson. House simply walks out after Wilson explains, goes home, and goes back to using his cane.
Dr. Ezra Powell is working in his laboratory and experimenting on rats with a cancer cure. As he begins a dissection he has an attack and collapses to the ground.

House comes in with the report on Powell but his team is initially more interested in the fact House is back on his cane. House proposes putting Powell on a treadmill to run a stress test to see if his heart or lungs are causing the problem. Cameron administers the test while the others look on, but Powell quickly gives out. House okays the removal of fluid from Powell's lungs so he can take the test.

House is seeing a congested man XXX at the clinic as his daughter SSS looks on. SSS is attracted with House, much to Cameron's distaste. House watches with his team as Powell goes through the stress test without results until House administers a stimulant. They still get no results and Powell demands that Cameron help him die.

The team distress the ethics of assisted suicide and Powell demands that they stop treating him. House administers a lung test but Powell still refuses until House bargains for one more day and agrees to help him die if he can't come up with anything. Cameron checks out Powell's lab and Foreman runs more tests on Powell. The next morning they don't have anything but House suspects a problem with his brain and they run a MRI. Wilson checks the tests which turn up negative for leukemia.

They go in and... House lies to Powell. Powell doesn't buy it and House tries to get more time. Powell refuses and House prepares to inject him with morphine. After a brief resistance, Foreman storms out and Cameron follows. Once Powell's out, it turns out it wasn't a fatal dose, and House runs a tube down his chest and continues the tests.

House notices that Cameron scanned low on the MRI and picked up signs of scarring on the lungs. Chase and Foreman work on him while Cameron withdraws, and Cuddy talks to House but she's okay with his decision to keep Powell alive. Powell has another seizure and House proposes an open-lung biopsy. House directs Cameron to some magazine article showing Powell did dangerous experimental procedures on babies, apparently to make her feel less sympathetic to Powell. Air starts to build up in Powell's lungs and House does an emergency operation to save him, then notices Powell has no pain reaction on one side of his body, but they'll have to wake him up to test further.
House is there when Powell wakes up and is none too thrilled, and House runs some impromptu sensory tests. Something is affecting the lungs and the nervous system so House needs to get a skin sample. He sends Cameron to get it and tells her to do her job. She confronts him over his experiments but he’s unrepentant and she takes a stand... and a skin sample.

Ali, who has been calling House non-stop, stops by to chat with House and he shut her down... for now. House connects from her red thong to using congo red to use as a stain to detect amyloidosis, and the test comes up positive, but it’s terminal. Powell can do nothing but die and Cuddy mentions to him the next morning that he passed away at 2:30 after being stable at 2 a.m. House doesn’t answer her question as to what he knows about it. Later in the chapel, House tells Cameron that he’s proud of her.
Lines in the Sand

Season 3
Episode Number: 50
Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Tuesday September 26, 2006 on FOX
Writer: David Hoselton
Director: Newton Thomas Sigel
Show Stars: Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), Ron Perkins (Dr. Simpson), Stephanie Venditto (Nurse Brenda)
Guest Stars: Johnny Crear (Thomas Williams), Leighton Meester (Ali), Kat Sawyer-Young (Laura Smith), Heather Kafka (Sarah), Geoffrey Blake (Dominic), Braeden Lemasters (Adam)
Production Code: HOU-304
Summary: When doctors are unable to diagnose why a severely autistic boy screams loudly for no apparent reason, House takes the case. As the boy’s condition worsens, it becomes obvious that House relates to the boy because he has no social niceties.

Don is working with his autistic son, Adam, but doesn’t have much luck. Adam is more interested in drawing lines on a chalkboard. Over lunch, Adam starts to choke and scream.

House meets for a differential diagnosis for Adam but he appears distracted and after ordering some tests, goes to Cuddy to complain that he wants his old blood-stained carpet back. Cuddy refuses and he won’t go back into the office. While an increasingly bored House works the clinic, his staff try to strap the screaming Adam into the MRI. Chase and Cameron then go to the house to run tests.

House eventually finds Ali in the office and starts coming on to him. They’re interrupted when Cameron reports the tests are negative. House runs a staff meeting in the hallway and tells them to get a stool sample and Adam has another fit, coughing up fluid from his lungs.

House moves into Wilson’s office for another differential—Wilson is less than thrilled. They move into the conference room and analyze the new test that shows a heart problem. Cuddy comes in and tells House that Ali has been calling him 15 times and is going to notify security, but House isn’t concerned.

Foreman goes to Wilson for advice on the possibility of Adam having lymphatic cancer and asks him to run a test on Adam. Another screaming fit ensues and House manages to get through to Adam to get him to take anesthesia by doing it himself. House doesn’t think much of it but admits he envies Adam since he doesn’t have to worry about social niceties. Wilson runs the tests but they’re not lymph cells from his armpit, their liver cells... under his arm.

Another differential in Wilson’s office and House suspects the liver is damaged and the cells passed into the bloodstream, even though the liver was normal. House suspects cirrhosis despite the lack of scarring, and he wonders if the parents gave something to Adam to get rid of him. Wilson talks to Cuddy and suggests she get the carpet put back in but Cuddy stands firm.

House has moved to Cuddy’s office to get Foreman’s report of calcium carbonate in the stool, but they’re interrupted when Adam is rushed to cardiac ICU. They stabilize Adam and discuss the case, but the test for poisoning proves negatives. House suspects Adam may have put something else in his mouth and orders the staff to get samples from the house.

As House is leaving, he finds Ali waiting for him on his motorcycle. She assures him that she’ll be legal in 22 weeks and asks why should they wait. Cuddy arrives and sends her off.
Cameron finds jimson weed in the backyard, which accounts for the symptoms except for the screaming. They can get the tests back in three days but Adam won't survive that long. House goes over Adam's schedule and doesn't believe he had any unsupervised time to eat the jimson weed. House goes to talk to Adam and tries to get through to him by taking away his handheld game. Adam manages to indicate the sandbox before his right eyeball rolled back into his head.

It's time for a new meeting in the hospital chapel and Foreman suggests a micro-tumor but it would require three tumors to account for the symptoms. If they can't find it on a CT, they'll have to remove his eye.

Cuddy tells House that Ali came to her house and came on to her the previous night, but she's lying. She does have Ali locked up in her office and House goes to meet with the girl and talk her out of it. But he sees her milky tears and concludes she breathed in spores that caused a loss of judgment.

House finally makes a connection and (after interrupting the wrong surgery) finds Adam in his room, kills the light, and finds worms in his eyes. Adam ate sand in the sandbox with raccoon excrement, which spread through his system, wouldn't show up on the parasite tests, and caused all the symptoms. Laser surgery and medication will take care of them, and House assures the parents they will have Adam around for a long time.

Wilson suggests to Cuddy that House has a minor form of Asperger's autism and took the case to "help himself." and he needs the carpet back. Wilson then confronts House and points out he doesn't have Asperger's but House would rather have that kind of freedom. As the family leaves, Adam gives House his handheld and his parents take it as a positive sign. And House gets his carpet back.
Fools for Love

Season 3
Episode Number: 51
Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Tuesday October 31, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Peter Blake (IV)
Director: David Platt
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Recurring Role: David Morse (Michael Tritter)
Guest Stars: Sam Ayers (Large Man), Carissa Koutantzis (Waitress), Rod Damer (Counterman), Scott Allen Rinker (Bobby), Brett Wagner (L.K.), Kimberly Quinn (Nurse Wendy), Ricky Ullman (Jeremy), Jurnee Smollett (Tracy)
Production Code: HOU-305
Summary: House takes the case of a young woman who has been rushed to the hospital with problems breathing and severe stomach pain after she and her husband were robbed. After her husband collapses, the team believes the couple’s illnesses are related. Meanwhile, Michael Tritter, a clinic patient, causes problems for House that could have serious ramifications.

A young couple are in a diner when two robbers holds them at gunpoint. Jeremy manages to get the drop on them but his wife, Tracy, starts to choke and collapses.

House’s staff reviews the case and House is skeptical of the fact they’re married at 20. House is more interested in the fact that Wilson is talking with a new nurse, Wendy and goes out to confront Wilson, who denies he’s dating the woman. Chase suspects salmonella that covers the symptoms and House accepts the treatment for now. He then goes into the clinic to meet with a patient with a staph infection, Michael Tritter, who notes that House isn’t getting away with his act and kicks his cane out from under him. House relents... slightly and gives him an anal thermometer, then leaves him in the room.

Foreman talks to Tracy and her husband Jeremy, who deny they’re not smoking. She starts itching from a rash on her arm and House now goes along with Foreman’s diagnosis of an allergic reaction. House suggests they put her on a treadmill and makes a wager with Foreman on the results. Tracy’s stomach hurts her and Jeremy starts having similar pain.

While House leads the team on a diagnosis, he goes into the nurses’ locker room to check out Wendy’s locker and concludes they’re going on a date, and bets Foreman $200 that they are. He sends Chase and Foreman to check out the couple’s apartment and find that they use condoms, and Chase suspects they have gonorrhea. Tracy says she had a pregnancy scare and Jeremy used condoms, then complains it’s a racial thing because they’re a mixed-race couple. The tests for gonorrhea prove negative and House takes Tracy off the medicine to see if it’s environmental. He then goes to Cuddy who insists he apologize to Tritter while denying she’s pregnant despite House’s suspicions. Meanwhile, Tracy wakes up to find Jeremy’s father in her room breaking Jeremy’s arm. It’s an acute delirium and she goes into a coma.

The team puts Tracy into the MRI while Foreman talks to Jeremy who explains her hallucination and reveals his father was a drunk and killed himself after they eloped to get away from him. They eliminate the possibility of infection and House suspects it’s environmental, but then suggests sarcoidosis. He takes the MRI to Wilson for a consultation and reveals he stole Wendy’s personnel file. Wilson figure House doesn’t want him to be happy, and says it’s not sarcoidosis.
House orders a biopsy for sarcoidosis anyway and Cameron suggests there's a conflict with the husband being the one to allow the treatment. Cameron goes to Cuddy who insists another legal guardian be appointed, but agrees to have Wilson talk to Jeremy if House will apologize to Tritter. He agrees but Jeremy would rather have the biopsy instead of her and tells them to stop treating him. House is angry at Wilson who doesn’t back down, then tells them to cut the morphine on Jeremy. When his team refuses, House tells them to give him an opiate blocker to put him in pain so he’ll allow the biopsy on Tracy. When his team still refuse, House gives them the medicine but after he leaves they realize he’s slipped by them with a second dose. Foreman barges in as Jeremy goes into pain but insists on getting the biopsy and insists he loves her and will die for her.

House finally backs down enough to insist on a court order, but when he goes to Cuddy she ushers him into her office where Tritter is waiting for him. Tritter wants humiliation but House refuses to apologize. When he emerges he finds out that Jeremy's insides are rotting and he doesn’t have sarcoidosis.

The couples’ mutual conditions are worsening and House orders treatment for Tracy and removal of the dead bowel from Jeremy. But an analysis reveals high lactate levels and the intestine isn’t dead. When Foreman mentions they ran off from his father, House questions the reason they ran away and realizes it’s a DNA problem, angioedema, that prevents protein formation, and they both have it because they’re stepchildren. Tracy starts to recover and Foreman wonders how they should tell them they’re related but House insists he tell them. Foreman eventually tells them and they’re not happy, even as he tries to assure them their feelings haven’t changed.

Later Chase is comfortable with the situation although Foreman is upset and is heading out of town. House figures out that it’s Foreman who’s dating Wendy, not Wilson, and has to pay up on their bet. Foreman meets with Wendy but there are clearly a few issues between them. However, Foreman notices Jeremy alone and goes to talk to him. Wilson ends up back in her hotel room by himself, Cuddy’s pregnancy test shows negative, and a speeding House is pulled over by a policeman... Tritter. Tritter notes House was taking a pill while treating and finds reasonable suspicion to search him and finds his vicodin stash. He arrests him for possession of drugs.
Firemen are cutting a hole in a wall... to lower the corpse of a 600-pound man out of his bed and down to the street. When they try to lift him there's gas and they realize that the man is still alive.

Cuddy has the staff do a differential diagnosis on the man, George, while waiting for House to show up. The initial tests show negative, leaving them puzzled. Meanwhile, House is in jail with an annoying cell mate. Tritter finally lets him loose and Wilson pays for his bail. House gets in to the meeting and orders a round of testing. Cameron goes to George's house to check things out and notices he has similar furnishings and habits as House. House meets with a clinic patient while Tritter lurks outside and is unimpressed by House's gibes. House then orders a MRI for George and they eventually get his head in. While Cuddy advises House to get a criminal lawyer, George wakes up from his coma and panics.

Cuddy is mad at House for putting George into the MRI, but Cameron comes to the rescue saying they couldn't have denied treatment to George since he qualifies as having a disability, and claiming she ordered the treatment. The staff are divided on the diagnosis so House goes with all of them except Chase's, who basically says to do nothing so House tells him to do sit around and do nothing. George relates the fact his previous doctors haven't found anything wrong with him in the past and he doesn't think there's anything wrong with him now. He insists on being released but Cameron and Foreman think otherwise.

House talks to Wilson about Cameron and her newfound lying skills but Wilson would rather advise House to call the lawyer. Cameron and Foreman report in and House goes to confront George and points out that no one in their right mind would insist on going home after a coma, so he must know of some condition he has. House tosses out a variety of symptoms but George denies having anything and he's not miserable, just overweight. Before they can continue, House gets a call from his landlord and returns to his apartment to find Tritter executing a search warrant. Tritter has found House's stash of vicodin and wonders if any of them were stolen or taken under a forged prescription.
House orders George’s release then wants to know if Wilson told Tritter anything, but Wilson says he just told Tritter he had prescribed vicodin. Cameron escorts George out as he’s discharged. George still insists there’s nothing wrong him and whatever will happen will happen. He walks out, but he collapses and falls through a window. As House wonders where Chase is, Cameron admits she gave him a drug to knock him out because she didn’t think he should leave. House suspects a parasite from contaminated food and suggests they drill a hole to test. George agrees but during the procedure he starts to panic when he goes blind.

They don’t find any parasites but House now suspects diabetes. He leaves Cameron to try and administer the diabetes test, but George insists that he will only help them with the testing if they check for something that isn’t weight-related.

House meets with a criminal lawyer who suggests he plea bargain. House refuses and goes back to meet with Cameron and Foreman, and finds out George won’t let them test for diabetes. House tries to force him to drink the sugar water for the diabetes test but notices yellowing of the fingernails. House orders x-rays of his hands and says he believes George has lung cancer as his hands are clubbed. The x-rays confirm that he has a small-cell lung carcinoma that has metastized in his lymph nodes and it’s inoperable. George takes it in stride.

House ends up plea bargaining and Cameron thinks that will let him keep on doing what he’s doing. House wonders why she lied and suspects she had someone overweight in her family, but she denies it.

Tritter talks to Wilson who claims he prescribed all of House’s vicodin, but Tritter notes the signatures are inconsistent. Wilson wasn’t aware that House was forging his signature but still claims he wrote them out for House. Tritter accepts his explanation... for now.
**Son of Coma Guy**

*House, MD Episode Guide*

**Season 3**
**Episode Number:** 53
**Season Episode:** 7

- **Originally aired:** Tuesday November 14, 2006 on FOX
- **Writer:** Doris Egan
- **Director:** Daniel Attias
- **Show Stars:**
  - Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson)
  - Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase)
  - Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman)
  - Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)
  - Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy)
  - Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
- **Recurring Role:** David Morse (Michael Tritter), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
- **Guest Stars:**
  - Holly Kaplan (Woman)
  - John Larroquette (Gabe Wasniak)
  - Zeb Newmann (Kyle Wasniak)
  - Jonathan Strait (Fake House)
- **Production Code:** HOU-307
- **Summary:**

  House decides to awaken a comatose patient so he can question the man regarding the family history of his son, who may have a genetic condition and the father is the only living relative. Meanwhile, Wilson confronts House about the stolen prescription pad as Tritter approaches Cameron, Chase, and Foreman in an attempt to divide the team and reveal their loyalties.

  In a coma ward, House is having lunch and watching television when Wilson confronts him about the fact he faked Wilson's signature on the prescription pads. They're interrupted when a coma patient's son Kyle comes in to see his father Gabe Wasniak. House notices the son has a vision problem where he intermittently can't see things that move. He sets off a seizure in the kid by flickering the lights.

  Chase and Cameron tests Kyle who says his seizures have previously been inconsequential and other doctors couldn't find anything. Kyle is also an alcoholic. House suspects it's something genetic despite the fact his father Gabe went into coma from asphyxiation after rescuing his wife from a house fire. The initial tests prove negative and House orders genetic testing, which will take a while. Kyle's liver seizes up and they put him on dialysis, and House suggests they talk to Gabe. He grabs a series of drugs to bring him out of his vegetative state but Cuddy interrupts him and warns he'll only be awake for a couple of days at best. House goes ahead with the injection and Cuddy is furious, but Gabe wakes up almost immediately.

  Cuddy checks out Gabe who is fully cognitive, and notes there is no recorded family history of seizures or liver failure. Gabe is aware his wife is dead and remembers the fire and how he got Kyle out. He also notes there's no relevant medical history on his wife's side and seems unconcerned about Kyle.

  Wilson talks to House about the case and wonders how House has such a cynical view of fatherhood. Meanwhile Tritter shows up and asks Cameron about House's drug use and tells her about how Wilson is defending House. She gets a page which is from Chase and Foreman, who want to know what Tritter is asking her. Kyle is still slipping away and House goes to see Gabe who knows he'll be back in a coma in a couple of days. He wants to get out of the hospital and get a sandwich and head to Atlantic City. House offers him car and money and they take Wilson along with them on a road trip... in Wilson's car, with Wilson's money.

  While they travel, House interrogates Gabe about his history. Gabe insists that House answer one question he asks, for every question House asks. House reluctantly agrees and they trade off questions as House asks about the factory that Gabe owned, and concludes that Kyle got a dose of mercury poisoning from spray paint for the boats. House calls in treatment for Kyle and Foreman is forced to lie to cover for Chase being questioned by Tritter.
They can’t find the sandwich shop in Atlantic City and Wilson continues to wonder why Gabe is avoiding Kyle. Gabe first lies and then dodges the questions and insists on going to a casino. At the hospital, Kyle’s condition worsens despite the treatment. House goes back to the “game” and asks Gabe how much awareness he had in his vegetative state. Wilson wants a few answers himself about House abusing his trust. Foreman calls in to report testing for mercury is negative and the treatment is failing, and House orders another test.

Wilson tries to track down the sandwich store while House checks over Gabe’s family history. They notice Gabe has the same problem that Kyle does with being unable to see moving objects. Titter questions Foreman who is clearly uncomfortable but Titter warns that “everyone lies.” Gabe asks House while he became a doctor and after some dodging, House admits that when he was 14 he saw an untouchable, a janitor, in Japan, who they needed to handle a patient with an infection, and how he doctors kept around because he was right, and that was why they had to listen to him.

Kyle goes into seizures again while House goes back to the night of the fire, and Wilson accuses Gabe of blaming Kyle because he knocked some tinder loose and caused the fire. Gabe has an outburst blaming himself and refuses to go back to see him fail his son again. House identifies Kyle’s accident-prone nature as ragged-red fibre from his mother’s side and the liver failure is part of his alcoholism. He calls Foreman, who reveals that Kyle can’t get a heart transplant because of his alcoholism and there’s no chance of a cure. Gabe volunteers his own heart although Wilson warns that ragged-red fibre isn’t curable, only treatable. Cuddy refuses to approve Gabe’s donation which will require killing him and now there’s only one option. House asks Wilson to leave then he and Gabe discuss ways that he can kill himself so his heart becomes available. Gabe doesn’t know what to say to his son, and asks House what he would want to hear from his father. House admits he’d like to have heard his father to admit he was right just once.

Downstairs at the casino, Wilson pays a guy to pretend to be House where he loudly announces who he and House are. Then they wait outside while Gabe kills himself, and then get his body to the hospital for the transplant operation. Cuddy suspects something is up but lets the matter go. Later Kyle wants to know what Gabe left him as a message and House lies and says that Gabe said Kyle did the right thing.

House talks to Wilson who is trying to take out some money from the ATM. House accuses him of enabling as Wilson realizes that his bank account has been frozen as part of Titter’s police investigation.
Whac-A-Mole

Season 3
Episode Number: 54
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Tuesday November 21, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Pamela Davis
Director: Daniel Sackheim
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), Marco Pelaez (Pharmacist)
Guest Stars: Deborah Lacey (Lorraine), Alan Rosenberg (Bruce Steinerman), Mandy June Turpin (Beth), Dustin Seavey (Rodent), Tanner Blaze (Will Walters), Patrick Birkett (Old Man), Patrick Fugit (Jack Walters), Cassius Willis (Officer), Casi Thomson (Kama Walters), Dorothea Harahan (EMT)
Production Code: HOU-308
Summary: An 18-year-old teenager is brought to the hospital after having a heart attack. House reviews the boy’s file and believes he has the diagnosis. He then turns the case into a game by sealing his opinion in an envelope and challenging Cameron, Foreman, and Chase to guess House’s diagnosis on their own. Meanwhile, Tritter’s actions against Wilson continue to strain the oncologist’s relationship with House and destroy his ability to practice medicine.

At a pizza place teenager Jack Walters is putting up with the stress of handling the kids when he starts to get dizzy, vomits, and then collapses, clutching at his chest. The boy’s two brothers come up and tell the EMT that their parents are dead.

Wilson arrives to find his car towed compliments of Tritter. House’s staff goes over the case but House comes up with a solution... and decided to make a game of it, writing his diagnosis down and sealing it in an envelope. Wilson meets with a lawyer who advises him to stop lying for House. Jack admits he did drugs to House before their parents died, but now they all are honest with each other. House doesn’t believe them.

The staff administers tests while House hovers over them making suggestions. Cameron has no choice but to harass Jack into heart stress to see if he has a spasm. Wilson arrives by bus and discovers that he’s been suspending from prescribing drugs, but House isn’t too concerned. House concludes Jack has hepatitis-A and prescribes treatment, but Foreman goes in to see Jack and sees that he’s starting to bleed from his arm tattoo, his nose, and his ear.

The team runs a new differential as House starts to feel the lack of Vicodin. House sends Foreman and Cameron on and puts pressure on Chase to write him a prescription. Chase refuses while Wilson asks Cameron to fill his patients’ prescriptions but she’s reluctant to do so and get involved with Tritter breathing down Wilson’s neck.

Chase goes to the pizza place to check Jack’s vomit at the source. Wilson meets with one of his patients while Cameron looks on to get a feel for the prescription necessary. Beth is concerned about her presence and Wilson doesn’t have an explanation.

Foreman takes samples of Jack’s spinal fluid while his sister Kama offers to help. Foreman tries to reassure her without much luck. When Foreman rolls him over, one of Jack’s ribs snaps. He reports to House who is having his shoulder looked at due to pain caused by his cane usage, and House asks Foreman for Vicodin. He refuses and cane gets a new cane-support. The tests come back and Jack tests positive for at least two infections, including syphilis and botulism.

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They clear the infections out of Jack’s systems but he starts to have unexplained seizures. House suspects drugs and wonders if they’re trapped in his fat cells, and are causing weight loss. They put Jack not a sauna to sweat it out and he confesses that he’s not the person he was when his parents died, that he’s turned his act around. Jack has another seizure and collapses, breaking his arm. They get a sample and determine he’s drug-free, but House is more interested in trading back for someone with a regular cane.

House goes back to Cameron to get a prescription and plays to her sympathy, without any luck. They run Jack through the MRI and spot a bunch of tumors throughout his brain, tumors that weren’t there before. It’s back to differential and House suspects that it’s pus caused by fungus, explaining why the “tumors” suddenly appeared. House orders a needle insertion and then takes his last Vicodin and goes to Cuddy for a prescription. She agrees to keep clear of the police and claims House’s shoulder pain is psychological. House makes a connection and figures out that Jack’s problems were caused by his parents’ death and the psychological stress. Wilson comes in asks for Cameron’s assistance with a prescription for a dying patient but House refuses to let her go. House decides to give Jack more infections to test the specific genetic condition that was triggered. Whichever symptom triggers will identify the condition. Jack has no choice but to agree and after House sprays him, they wait for the symptom to trigger. Finally Jack has a seizure and identifies the disease.

Cuddy thinks that they need to turn the kids over to Social Services but House reveals that a bone marrow transfer from his brother Will will reboot his immune system. Jack is reluctant to have Will pressured into helping despite Jack’s reassurances and refuses. House believes Jack doesn’t want the responsibility and Foreman calls him on it. House decides to prove his point and tells Jack they have another donor, but he’s still reluctant to agree. House points out that Jack doesn’t want to be healthy and considers the disease a guilt-free way out of taking care of his siblings. Jack finally admits it and House is proven right again.

House visits Wilson who is referring his patients to other oncologists and he’s resigning his practice. He tells House to admit it and when House refuses, he tells him to get out. When House disputes him, Wilson points out his shoulder pain is a symptom of guilt. Foreman looks on as Jack says goodbye to his siblings as they’re taken away by Social Services. After they leave, Jack thanks Foreman for not telling them but still feels guilty for abandoning them.

Later, Wilson waits outside for his bus when House drives up to him . . . and keeps going.
Finding Judas

Season 3
Episode Number: 55
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Tuesday November 28, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Sara Hess
Director: Deran Sarafian
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), David Morse (Michael Tritter)
Guest Stars: Jordana Capra (Wealthy Wife), Jodi Long (Judge), Paula Cale (Edie), Christopher Gartin (Rob Hartman), Alyssa Shafer (Alice)
Production Code: HOU-309
Summary: House takes the case of a young girl who has been diagnosed with pancreatitis. When he takes her divorced parents to court to force them to allow treatment because they can't agree, the judge awards guardianship of the girl to Cuddy. Meanwhile, Tritter continues his strategy to force House to admit to his drug use by offering one of the team members a deal.

At a fairground, Rob tries to get his daughter Alice on a ride. Alice’s reluctant but eventually agrees to keep him happy. She starts screaming... and doesn’t stop even when the ride does.

At the hospital the father and his divorced wife argue over the patient while Cameron tends to Alice. Cuddy meets with some donors while House enjoys himself shining a pointer on her while waiting for her to give him his (limited) dosage of Vicodin. House stops in to check on the differential on Alice and suspects a disappearing gall stone. While Chase complains about the fact he was left out of his father’s will, Cuddy meets with Tritter who points out that if his pressure on Wilson won’t work, he’ll start on the rest of the staff. Cuddy denies that House has a problem but Tritter thinks she’s failed to deal with him.

Alice’s parents argue over whether she should have surgery or not, and the mother overrides both her husband and House to prohibit the surgery. House takes them to a judge and wants her to grant them a motion to perform the surgery. The judge goes ahead and afterward Alice complains about the stitches and painful skin. Foreman checks and finds a rash on her abdomen.

It’s back to differential but the staff has problems as they deal with the fact Tritter has frozen their accounts. House is more concerned about his patient and sends them to run tests on Alice. Wilson comes in to the lounge to gripe to House and Chase reports that the scratch tests are showing that Alice is allergic... to everything. House suspects infection and has her take a bite of (Wilson’s) sandwich. When she eats it, House determines she’s not allergic to peanuts, disproving Chase and Foreman’s diagnosis. House orders drugs that may shut down her system and the father Rob refuses to let him do it but his wife Edie wants House to treat her. It’s back to the judge who gives temporary guardianship to... Dr. Cuddy. She’s not too thrilled.

Tritter talks to Foreman and threatens to put his brother Marcus away, and offers parole for him in return for Foreman’s testimony. When Foreman doesn’t cave, Tritter suspects he’ll do it just because of House’s hypocrisy.

Although House suggests broad-spectrum antibiotics, Cuddy orders a narrower range for Alice and while Edie and Rob argue, Alice’s heartbeat and blood pressure goes up and Cuddy orders them out. Meanwhile Chase and Foreman start sniping at each other about who made a deal...
with Tritter, when Cameron comes in to tell them Alice has apparently disappeared. Rob brings her back as she’s collapsed, suffering from muscular rigidity.

It’s back to differential but House is distracted by his growing pain and Cuddy refuses to prescribe for him. House suspects one of the parents gave her aspirin, triggering Reye’s Syndrome, but both of them deny giving her any. Edie reveals that she left Alice with a baby sitter and House has Cuddy put her on dialysis, and she gives him a few Vicodin. Cuddy tries to reassure Alice without much luck, telling her that her parents might get back together.

Tritter works on Cameron and accuses her of being in love with House. He then notes that Cameron actually turned herself in when she ended up cheating on a test, and he notes that House has changed her. Cameron walks out on him.

Alice starts to react to the dialysis as her left arm turns pale from lack of blood due to a clot and they take her into surgery. Tritter meets with Chase and notes that he lied about having his accounts frozen. He then threatens to make it appear that Chase did rat House out to get him to rat House out. Chase isn’t thrilled.

In the OR, Alice’s temperature goes up and Cuddy tries to cool her down while House, Chase, and Cameron wonder if the diagnosis of Reye’s was wrong, but House is still distracted by the pain. He finally notices that Cuddy has taken her into the shower where Alice’s infection breaks out again because of Cuddy going with the limited antibiotics, and House snaps at her for her poor mothering skills.

It’s a new differential, and House suspects it’s something they haven’t touched on yet, but a broad-spectrum antibiotic won’t work any more. The staff reveals Tritter released their bank accounts but House isn’t concerned, and doesn’t want to hear Chase try to explain one way or another.

Wilson meets with an upset Cuddy who believes House deliberately went after her attempt at motherhood. She admits that her three implantations haven’t worked and she’s awkward with Alice.

House believes the infection has moved into Alice’s muscle sheath on her left arm and leg and there’s no other option except amputation from the flesh-eating bacteria. Time is running out and House snaps at his staff before going with Cuddy to tell the parents. As Alice goes into surgery, the others discuss the case and Chase realizes that House was wrong... she’s allergic to light and got worse every time she goes into surgery. When Chase tries to get him to stop the surgery, House slugs him... but Chase continues with his theory of why her liver is shutting down. House realizes he’s right and they stop the surgery just in time. Later Cuddy reassures the parents but they note that it’s genetic and they’re both carriers.

Later Chase and Wilson talk in the lounge and Chase realizes it didn’t’ matter that he solved it and House didn’t. Later Tritter meets with... Wilson.
Merry Little Christmas

Season 3
Episode Number: 56
Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Tuesday December 12, 2006 on FOX
Writer: Liz Friedman
Director: Tony To
Show Stars: Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), Marco Pelaez (Pharmacist)
Guest Stars: Cole Evan Weiss (Teenage Boy), Shyann McClure (Little Girl), Teddy Vincent (Mrs. Zebalusky), Michael Medico (Clinic Doctor), Meredith Eaton-Gilden (Maddy), Kacie Borrowman (Abigail), David Morse (Detective Michael Tritter)
Production Code: HOU-310
Summary: Wilson arranges for House to make a deal with Tritter, but House refuses. Meanwhile, Cuddy cuts House off Vicodin and removes him from the team’s case: a 15-year-old little person who entered the hospital with a collapsed lung and anemia.

House arrives at the clinic as they decorate for Christmas...and finds Tritter and Wilson waiting for him. Wilson tells House that he confessed he didn't write the prescriptions and they worked out a deal: two months in a rehab clinic in return for dropping the charges. House refuses the deal but Tritter gives him three days.

After Tritter leaves, House goes to Cuddy for pills but she’s meeting with a mother-and-daughter who both have dwarfism, and the daughter Abigail’s lung has collapsed. House is intrigued by the case and runs a diagnosis, but the mother Maddy is unimpressed by House's sarcasm toward her...which impresses him. Cuddy confronts Wilson who isn't thrilled with him ratting out his friend and notes House won't take the deal. Wilson thinks House will have no choice.

House is running a differential diagnosis and believes it’s liver related, when Cuddy takes House off the case and cuts off his Vicodin. The staff runs a MRI on Abigail while discussing House’s problems, and confirm that her liver is failing as she vomits blood. Wilson suggests liver cancer but Cameron thinks she’s too young. Afterward Wilson confronts Cameron over her hostility and Cameron asks it wasn’t an easy choice. She points out that his motives weren’t pure, giving him something to consider.

Foreman comes into Cuddy’s office to find House working on her desk. He wants to know what House saw and gives him a test, but House refuses to get involved...until House offers him one diagnosis for Foreman opening one drawer. Foreman agrees and House notes the problem is global and it will hit her pancreas next. Unfortunately for House there’s no Vicodin in the drawer.

Chase comes back with Abigail’s home drugs, including treatment for ear infection, and Cuddy figures out that House gave Foreman the diagnosis, but the pancreas test is negative. House goes to another emergency room and claims to have been in a car accident to get some painkillers. It doesn’t work.

Foreman and Wilson prepare liver tests but Abigail passes out as her pancreas fails. Cuddy goes to House but neither one will back down. Cuddy goes to the staff and Cameron believes its Lupus while Wilson figures it’s cancer. Cuddy orders tests for both but Maddy’s is unimpressed and wants to hear from House. Cameron goes to House's apartment where he’s clearly in bad shape, and has been cutting himself to release endorphin to relieve the pain. Cameron doesn’t

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have any pills and tells him to take the deal, and he wonders if she's been sick. He wonders if her ear infection is significant and suggests a treatment for Still’s Disease, but refuses to yield.

Cameron reports to Cuddy who notes that Still’s Disease can’t be readily diagnosed, but she orders the treatment. House comes in later to confront Wilson and ask for a drug to stop vomiting. Wilson refuses and leaves, but House spots Abigail’s folder and takes a look. He then goes in to interrupt Wilson with Mrs. Zebalusky, the wife of a dead patient to assert his diagnosis was correct. The widow asks him to leave but as he does, Wilson figures out he snagged some painkillers from the dead man’s bedside.

Abigail starts to recover and Cuddy notes that neither Wilson or she could have figured it. Later, Wilson meets with Tritter but refuses to testify. Tritter says they’ll subpoena him and he’ll go to jail with House. While House gets some drugs by claiming to be getting them for Zebalusky, Abigail starts bleeding.

It’s back to differential and Wilson suggests leukemia, but Cameron is skeptical and still insists it’s auto-immune. Cuddy asks for a half hour. Down in the cafeteria, a much better House is chatting with a little girl and her stuffed dog when Cuddy offers him Vicodin but quickly figures out he got drugs. House figures out that Abigail doesn’t suffer from skeletal dwarfism but rather a pituitary problem. And that means House figures she’s suffering from both cancer and auto-immune. Gulping down pills, House explains to Maddy and Abigail that Abigail isn’t a dwarf and her condition can be treated. Abigail is reluctant to have her height problem treated because right now she’s unique. House leaves and Maddy confronts him over it. House points out they’re both freaks and Abigail should have a chance at not being a freak. Maddy goes in to tell her daughter to take the treatment and be “normal” no matter what.

Later Wilson visits House in his office and reveals Abigail decided to get the treatment. It’s Christmas Eve and the deal runs out the next day. Wilson offers his friend company but House isn’t interested. Back at his apartment, House considers the pills and then calls his mom and leaves a message saying “Merry Christmas.” He then takes some pills with alcohol. Later Wilson arrives and comes in to find House on the floor vomiting from a combination of the alcohol and the new painkillers.

Later House goes to visit Tritter and takes the deal. Tritter refuses, saying he has new evidence and doesn’t need Wilson’s testimony. He got hold of the pharmacy logs for Zebalusky and has what he needs. He leaves, wishing House a Merry Christmas.
Words and Deeds

Season 3
Episode Number: 57
Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Tuesday January 9, 2007 on FOX
Writer: Leonard Dick
Director: Daniel Sackheim
Show Stars: Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Jason George (Brock Hoyt), Hira Ambrosino (Anesthesiologist), Aulani Rhea (Nurse), Terryn Westbrook (Sarah), Tory Kittles (Derek Hoyt), Martin Mullen (Ennis), Brian Leckner (Ivan), David Morse (Michael Tritter), Meagan Good (Amy), Vyto Ruginis (Assistant District Attorney Velez), Helen Carey (Judge Helen Davis), Kadeem Hardison (Howard), Donald Sage MacKay (Neil)
Production Code: HOU-311
Summary: House splits his time between treating a firefighter for uncontrollable shivering, giving Tritter a piece of his mind, and handling his trial for forging prescriptions.

At a fire, two firefighters come out and the head of the squad chews them out for taking risks. One of them, his brother Derrick, starts to get dizzy and tries to go back in. His co-worker Amy stops him and he collapses to the ground, shivering.

Derrick is brought to the clinic where Cameron checks him out where he is covered with skin grafts from previous burns. Cameron suggests that House see the patient but notes that House is busy... without mentioning he’s at the preliminary hearing for his drug case. House pleads not guilty although his lawyer notes that Tritter has an airtight case, and advises House not to confront Tritter.

At the hospital Foreman and Chase are more concerned about House’s legal problems then the case and House himself is distracted. Only Cameron is focusing on the case. Afterward Cuddy confronts House and points out that he’s at fault for his current situation and he’d better talk nicely to Tritter, then gives him some Vicodin.

After hearing that Derrick is seeing blue, House suspects male menopause and prescribes hormones. As they administer treatment, Derrick has an apparent allergic reaction and demands they remove the needles. He starts to choke Cameron until they give him a sedative.

House goes to meet with Tritter and... apologizes. Tritter thanks him... but doesn’t believe what he’s saying. He notes he only believes what House does, and says he’ll see him at the trial.

Back at the office, House hears the new case information but doesn’t offer any new theory. After they’re done, he leaves and says he’ll be checking himself in rehab. Wilson and Cuddy confront him later at the rehab center and House notes he’s doing it for Tritter and the judge... and for real. House’s staff goes over Derrick’s case without him but Cameron insists they talk to House.

House is in a group session and somewhat hostile, but concedes he can’t do it on his own. The staff Derrick isn’t telling them the pain he’s feeling but then he has a heart attack and they take steps to revive him. It turns out Derrick has had two previous heart attacks and didn’t tell anyone. There’s no indication why he should have a heart attack, so Cameron goes to see House... who is vomiting. They try to figure out a common cause between the attacks, but Amy is the only one. They bring Amy in to see him and he has another heart attack.
Cameron starts to run tests to determine what Amy has that might trigger Derrick’s attacks, and she talks about how Derrick saved her and got burned, getting the skin grafts. Wilson goes to see House at the rehab clinic and isn’t sympathetic to House’s complaints. Cameron confronts Derrick about the fact he loves Amy and he admits it, but notes she’s engaged to his brother. The staff go back to tell House and suggest the stress of the thwarted relationship, along with the menopause, is causing the heart attacks. House determines they need Cuddy to get her approval to fry Derrick’s brain, erasing his memories of Amy. Cuddy approves the treatment but after the others leave, House questions if Cuddy feels sorry for him and approved the treatment as a result. She notes that the rehab is working.

Cameron explains the situation to Derrick, noting it will wipe out his memories of much of his life. He still refuses to tell Amy.

Tritter goes to see House at Cuddy’s insistence but doesn’t plan on dropping the case. House calls him on it, noting Tritter is just as stubborn but Tritter figures with House, even his actions lie.

The staff administers the electroshock therapy and then test him afterward. Derrick has no memory of his life and doesn’t recognize Brock or Amy. They update House and then leave as Wilson arrives with a gift: a tie for his court hearing. House apologizes to Wilson as part of the program, shocking him.

Amy keeps an eye on Derrick but when Cameron mentions her engagement, she says she’s not involved with him.

House is at his trial when he gets a call from Cameron to tell him the heart attacks have nothing to do with his memories. He refuses to hang up on the judge’s orders but tells them to set up a test while he goes back to the clinic. He realizes that Derrick’s high-pitched voice is another symptom and has them check his arteries. They find that the spine is pressing on an artery, obstructing blood flow to the brain and causing fake memories.

House returns to the trial where Cuddy is testifying to House stealing the painkillers from the dead patient. She then testifies that House didn’t get the right pills. Wilson had told her House tried to steal the pills earlier and she swapped the pills for a placebo, and has the evidence to support it. She admits she didn’t expect it to go this far. The judge has no choice but to dismiss the case and berates both House and Tritter. She still holds him for a night in jail for contempt.

As House leaves, Tritter confronts him and . . . wishes him luck.

Cameron tries to reassure Derrick, saying he’ll have to start over. Wilson and Cuddy visit House in jail and Cuddy admits she perjured herself. She notes that when he is out of rehab, she’ll own his ass and doing everything she wants him to. After she leaves, Wilson gives him his prescription from the rehab center . . . and House reveals that he’s bribed his keeper to get him Vicodin. Wilson wonders why House apologized then . . . and House tells him to believe what he wants.
**One Day, One Room**

**Season 3**

**Episode Number: 58**

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House enters Cuddy’s office and she tells him he’ll be doing clinic work. House isn’t thrilled but has no choice and has to listen to the patients’ various sexually-related problems. He tries to get out of it when a man comes running in screaming in pain and clutching at his head. House finally trips him and gives him a sedative. House takes advantage of the man to get Cuddy to let him run a diagnosis and get out of clinic duty.

House quickly runs his staff through an extended diagnosis, only to reveal the man has a bug in his ear. He then takes off for the park to escape Cuddy and clinic duty. Meanwhile, Cameron takes on a homeless man who has cancer. She then tells Cuddy that House doesn’t have a case, and Cuddy goes to the park to confront him. He reveals he’s on Vicodin and out of rehab, and forces him back to the clinic.

House is stuck with more patients and then starts paying them to leave. Cuddy isn’t thrilled and finds a way to make it interesting: she’ll pay him $10 for each patient he can diagnose without touching. He agrees and goes on a rampage of treatment then he’s back to the original batch of patients with STDs. He ends up with a rape victim, Eve, who lashes out at him. He concludes she was raped and goes to Cuddy, suggesting he might not be the right doctor for her.

Cuddy assigns another doctor, Stone, but Eve insists that House treat her. House talks to her and Eve says she doesn’t know why and House suggests she is trying to get control over him, and she tells him to get out. Cameron orders more treatment with the homeless man to make him comfortable and he insists she stop the treatment. House treats another patient and notes Stone talking to Eve. He’s interrupted when one of his patients that he paid $50 comes back, but then Eve grabs sedatives and overdoses herself.

When Eve wakes up, House talks to her briefly. His staff differs on how House should handle her and he decides to get her talk to him about the rape. Meanwhile Cameron tries to deal with the homeless man who claims he promised his father that he would die alone and miserable. The homeless man then knows or guesses that Cameron’s husband died, and says he just needs someone to remember him.
House goes over the situation with Eve and she suggests he wants to talk about something that matters. House goes to talk to Wilson and admits he doesn’t know how to answer her questions. Wilson suggests she wants to share with her but House doesn’t want to share his life experiences. Cameron suggests he lies and Eve wants hope. Foreman suggests House say his life sucks. Chase suggests House keep her asleep.

House finally talks to Eve about his grandmother that made him miserable when he stayed with her while his parents traveled. She thinks he’s lying and she gets angry. Cuddy interrupts to reveal that she ran a test and Eve is pregnant.

He talks to Eve who plans on keeping the baby. House suggests she get an abortion and tries to discuss the philosophy, until he admits he’s more comfortable discussing theory then personal matters. Meanwhile, the homeless man demands that Cameron remember him and insists he die in pain to ensure it. Cameron agrees not to give him treatment.

House takes Eve to the park where she is upset over the challenge to her religious convictions. She admits she needs the comfort of knowing her life means something and wonders what House’s excuse is for not feeling comforted.

Cameron’s patient passes away in his bed as she looks on. And Eve finally breaks down and tells House what happened, and he says he’d like to hear what happened.

Later Cameron tends to her patient’s body while House and Wilson play foosball. House informs Cuddy that Eve got the abortion and she tells him he helped. House doesn’t think he accomplished anything positive, and he doesn’t know why he helped her. Wilson asks if he’s going to follow up with her, and he notes he can only handle one room in one day.
**Needle in a Haystack**

*House, MD Episode Guide*

Season 3  
Episode Number: 59  
Season Episode: 13  

**Originally aired:** Tuesday February 6, 2007 on FOX  
**Writer:** David Foster  
**Director:** Peter O'Fallon  
**Show Stars:**  
Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)  
**Recurring Role:** Ron Perkins (Dr. Simpson)  
**Guest Stars:** Jake Richardson (Stevie Lipa), Maxine Hayden (Patron #2), Joni Barth (Patron #1), Tyrace Richardson (Jack), Antonio D. Charity (Police Officer), Tasha Taylor (Kate), Hira Ambrosino (Anesthesiologist), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), Sandra Purpuro (Marina), David Kelsey (Ron), Rob Brownstein (Franklin), Jessy Schram (Leah), Wendy Makkena (Dr. Julie Whitner), Arabella Field (Judy)  
**Production Code:** HOU-312  
**Summary:**  
House and his staff must deal with a teenage Gypsy boy suffering from inexplicable respiratory distress. However, House has bigger issues on his mind: Cuddy has given away his handicapped spot.

A boy and girl are making out in a car when there’s a knock on the car as a policeman shows up and tells them to move on in a bit. After he leaves, they go at it again but the boy, Stevie, has respiratory distress and the girl Leah first calls for help then drives him to the clinic.

House arrives at the clinic and finds that his handicap spot has been assigned to someone else and he’s been reassigned further. Foreman gives him Stevie’s case and House runs an initial diagnostic, but is more interested in confronting Dr. Whitner, who has his handicapped spot. She isn’t willing to give up her spot. Meanwhile Foreman checks out Stevie who refuses to give them a way to contact his parents and has an attack. Foreman treats him and it becomes clear Stevie has some scientific and medical knowledge. They notice that despite the fact he has a blood effusion, there are no signs of blood in the lungs.

Chase and Cameron go to Stevie’s house and find it exceedingly dirty. Chase finds a couple having sex in the bedroom, but it turns out the couple are having an affair and Stevie gave them the wrong address. Stevie admits that he’s Romany–gypsy–and they don’t share information with outsiders. He admits he smoked pot but he refuses to give them his address as they would “contaminate” it if they go in. Cameron suggests the pot might have a pesticide that caused the bleeding, but Leah gave it to him.

When House gets no luck with Cuddy getting his handicap slot back, they make a bet that if he can stay in a wheelchair for a week she’ll give him his slot back. The staff meet for a new differential diagnosis. House insists there’s some kind of leak and they need to speed it up by thinning his blood. As Cameron starts to inject the dye, Stevie goes into convulsions as the dye is stuck in his liver as if fails.

It’s back to differential diagnosis and a new round of tests, and House visits with a child patient whose mother thinks he’s faking to get out of school. House prepares to give the boy Jack a painful injection and the mother backs down.

They give Stevie a MRI while Foreman suggests he go back to school rather than follow the family trade. They find a granuloma as Stevie’s parents show up and demand an explanation. Meanwhile House is working to get back into his car when Foreman says it’s Wagners and wants a biopsy, but House warns the liver will be gone before they can complete it, and recommends medical treatment.
The next day Stevie's parents provide him with food, clothing, and special treatment much to Foreman's distaste. The parents arrive and insists on providing "balance," while not happy with Leah the outsider who has left. Wilson argues with House about his stubbornness in staying in the wheelchair. Leah returns and Stevie's parents insist on her leaving, but Stevie starts bleeding from the bladder.

Tests reveal Stevie's liver is improving but now his bladder is bleeding out and the treatment for Wagner's is making him worse. House believes the treatment is wrong and they need a more precise treatment, immune modulation. It's not FAA approved and House says to claim it's something that it's treatable for. Stevie's parents refuse to allow him to receive an experimental drug. House suggests Foreman work on his salesmanship technique while House faces off with Whitner who thinks he'll back down.

Foreman returns to Stevie's room to find his relatives present and reluctant to leave. Foreman manages to get them out and then tries to get Stevie to agree to the experimental treatment as they're out of options. Foreman gets him to believe him by saying if his parents find out he'll lose his license, but before Steve can take the pills his spleen ruptures. Foreman checks for Wagner's but can't find the granulomas confirming Wagner's. House wants them to check his bowel but when the surgeon ignores him, he's forced to wheel his way into the operating theater. When the surgeon still ignores him, House gets up out of the chair and checks out the bowel looking for granulomas. As Stevie's blood pressure drops, House is forced to have Foreman take over and he finally realizes he doesn't have Wagner's, and the parents were right.

The parents won't let the staff near Stevie so House draws the paths of the symptoms and suggests they check the colon. Since he's in the ICU and the parents have limited visiting privileges, Foreman suggests they sneak in there when they're not looking. While waiting to go in, House admits to Wilson he hasn't got a legal leg to stand on...but is going to get the spot anyway. House then insults the parents to get their attention while the staff check Stevie's colon and spot a toothpick. Stevie accidentally swallowed a toothpick and it penetrated his intestinal wall while he and Leah were making out and since it was the same density as the tissue they didn't spot it on the previous tests.

Foreman shows the toothpick to Stevie and suggest he can get him onto the staff as a lab technician, but Stevie admits he doesn't want to give up on his family, and that the staff doesn't have any family. Later House confronts Cuddy who notes he got out of his wheelchair and he lost. House points out Whitner knew she was going to win and Cuddy was never going to give him the space. House guilts her with the fact she was never going to honor her agreement, and then plans to take advantage of it to get his spot.

Later Stevie leaves with his family as Foreman looks on, then spends the night alone. And House limps out and sees that Cuddy has given him back his parking spot.
A mother and daughter are driving home from the skating rink and the mother is concerned that she fell, and that her friends weren’t careful enough. The girl, Hannah, is upset, and the mother is going to have the doctors check her and warn Hannah’s friends off. They’re hit by a truck and Hannah tries to get free to get her unconscious mother out. Hannah calls 911 and says she’s fine... unaware that there is a piece of metal in her leg.

House comes in to find Foreman and spars with his current girlfriend, then sees him tending to Hannah. House quickly determines she is insensate to pain and orders tests suspecting something is wrong, then goes to talk to Cuddy. He quickly realizes that Cuddy has a blind date and teases her a bit. Hannah refuses to let them test and House goes to see her while poking away at Foreman about his relationship. House then confronts Hannah and they compare symptoms until House can trick her into letting him give her a sedative so they can run tests. Later Cameron checks Hannah’s temperature and the girl passes out, overheating. They apply ice packs as she goes into shock.

House suggests a biopsy of the spinal nerve, risking Hannah’s possible paralysis, but Foreman thinks it’s just a fever. When his staff stands against it, House goes to Cuddy. Hannah’s mother is in bad shape and so far they’re keeping it from Hannah. To avoid testing her, Chase suggests they inflict more pain on Hannah to find a tender spot.

Cuddy meets with her blind date, Bobby, and they get along until House shows up to ask for the nerve biopsy. While House interrogates her date, Cuddy challenges the need for the tests and she quickly gives in.

Chase runs the pain tests on Hannah while she asks about her mother. Hannah inadvertently gets second degree burns and Chase tries to comfort her. Foreman then prepares to drill into her skull to inflict more pain. Foreman and Hannah chat about her mother and how she tries to get her mad, then Hannah starts to react. She runs off in panic.

Wilson confronts House about Hannah and how House is examining her out of curiosity. They’re interrupted when Foreman comes in to warn she’s prepared to jump off the second-floor balcony. They try to comfort her in her paranoia and then her legs go numb and she falls to the floor below.

They put the now-paralyzed Hannah back into bed and run more tests, but she’s more concerned about her mother. They can’t account for the paralysis but along with the paranoia indicates a neural condition. Cameron suspects the thyroid and House goes to check with a specialist... and goes to see Cuddy at her house, claiming he can’t find anyone else. Her date is there.
with her and House eventually figures it out, and she points out he’s suddenly interested in her and suspects he’s jealous. House denies it and Cuddy leaves him at the door after telling her it isn’t the thyroid. But Herrick overhears them talking and tells her that she’s more interested in House than anything else, and he’d rather date that woman.

House goes back to run the nerve biopsy and he ends up going to Wilson, who points out that House is using Hannah’s condition to find a cure for himself. He calls House on it, pointing out that House is biased and House stalks out and orders the biopsy the safest way they can.

Cameron and Foreman discuss their respective relationships, and the fact she married a dying man to avoid commitment. Cameron finds something interesting: Hannah’s nerves are degenerating from something systemic that’s affecting the nerves. Cameron interrupts to leave as Hannah’s mother is out of surgery, and she’s more concerned about reassuring Hannah then diagnosing her, to House’s displeasure. Hannah’s mother wakes up and is apologetic over causing the accident and hurting Hannah. Hannah’s mother passes out and as she goes into surgery, Hannah starts feeling first her own tears and then a headache.

It’s back to differential diagnostic and they conclude emotional pain caused the reaction and they were arguing about whose fault it was. House factors in guilt and suggests they give her a shot of B-12... but ER already did. House goes to see Wilson after ordering bone marrow tests for leukemia. House realizes she has B-12 deficiency and something else ate the injection. Hannah has another paranoid episode and takes her to the OR, interrupting the current surgery. They cut her stomach open without anesthesia and House removes... a 25’ tapeworm.

Later Hannah’s mother is brought in to see Hannah while Abby confronts Foreman who breaks up with her. She points out he’s trying to maintain his personal space and his angry at him... and House. Cuddy is sleeping alone, while Wilson suggests that House ask Hannah for the nerve sample for his possible cure. House declines and they head out for breakfast. Chase and Cameron head out and she suggest they have sex, as Chase is the one she’s least likely to fall in love with. Chase considers whether he should be offended... and then agrees.
At a concert hall, a performer prepares to play a piano concert with the aid of his father. They go out on stage and the father introduces Patrick and explains he was in an accident and now they are raising money for people with similar neurological disabilities. Patrick begins to perform but then starts missing notes. Patrick then complains of head pains, and his hands are horribly twisted.

Cameron arrives in the staff room to find a bag waiting for her. They've all been called in on House's order to check out Patrick. While Foreman runs initial tests on Patrick, House deals with a clinic patient with bad breath, diagnosing her with bulimia while treating the blister on her foot. Meanwhile he takes a blood sample from himself. Foreman notices the blood sample, when House hands it in for basic tests to be done.

When Foreman's tests of Patrick prove negative, House brings a piano to Patrick's room. After Patrick performs perfectly and beautifully, House orders a MRI to "see the music" and has Patrick pretend to play. They then detect specific brain activity and indications of a heart condition, and House orders surgery. Meanwhile Cameron has checked House's mail and sees he has plane tickets for Boston. They speculate that House might be considering a job at a hospital there, which might explain that he seems to be running a health checkup on himself.

Cameron and Chase go to House's apartment to look for clues while Foreman inserts a probe into Patrick's heart. He has a seizure and they have to revive him. Meanwhile, Cuddy calls Boston but they say he's not offered a job and she figures he's there as a patient. She goes to talk it over with Wilson when she realizes that House is seeing an oncologist specializing in brain cancer. She wonders why House isn't displaying symptoms but Wilson warns that it depends on how far along the cancer is.

They prepare to sedate Patrick for treatment but he panics and then has another seizure. Cameron confronts Wilson who then goes to see House to tell him he knows about the brain cancer. House dismisses his concerns, and Chase comes in, saying they found internal bleeding in Patrick's brain that accounts for his symptoms, but no reason for the bleeding.

It quickly becomes clear to House the rest of the staff know House has cancer, much to House's annoyance. House is more concerned about Patrick and wants to know why Patrick's brain is getting worse. House has Patrick taken off the anti-seizure treatment so they can do a pep scan as he has more violent seizures.

Cameron comes to House with a recommendation letter for her that she's typed up for him to sign, as she's applying for another job. She has no reason to stay if House is not around, she
says, and House tells her he’s not dead yet. House then wishes her well and she moves forward and they kiss... and then she tries to take a blood sample from him. House catches her arm with the syringe before she succeeds, then tells her he already has a blood sample and scans on file. The staff quickly determine that House has inoperable brain cancer with only a year left to live.

Patrick has another seizure while the staff figure out House is applying for an experimental treatment, something that will not cure cancer, but treat depression in a cancer patient. House still works on Patrick’s case and notices that one side of his brain is working more than the other and he wants more tests. When his staff prefer to work on House’s case, House goes to talk to Patrick. He asks if Patrick likes his life, but he’s unable to answer such a question. House sees small patterns of blood in Patrick’s brain and wants to biopsy everywhere to find the cause. That’s not possible of course, so Foreman suggests they do an EEG from inside Patrick’s brain so they can figure out where to do a brain biopsy. Foreman wants to talk to House personally but his boss shuts him up.

Once Foreman has run the test, he goes back to House and holds the results hostage to force him to hear what he has to say. Foreman admits he likes House although House doesn’t believe it. Foreman then tells House that one side of Patrick’s brain is brain-dead.

House considers the case and wonders if there is still some brain activity in the dead section. Since Patrick can still play, they determine it’s auto-immune and House lets Foreman run tests while Chase decides to give his boss an awkward hug. He then reveals Patrick is starting to respond but House has something else in mind. House goes to see Cuddy at her home and suggests that they remove half of Patrick’s brain to restore full function to the other half. He explains that the part of Patrick's brain that is mostly dead causes the seizures and prevents the other half of his brain to develop and function properly. She says to check with Patrick’s father and then hug, while House grabs her ass, making Cuddy smile.

House then explains the procedure to Patrick’s father, saying he might get a healthy son who can take care of himself. But he will also lose his ability to play the piano like he does now. He talks to his son and asks if he’s happy. When Patrick can barely respond, his father agrees to the surgery.

Meanwhile the staff has discovered that it wasn’t cancer at all, but neurosyphilis, and House reveal that it wasn’t his file at all, but someone else’s. He did think the patient had cancer, and he wanted the hospital in Boston to think he had brain cancer, so they could insert a device to stimulate his pleasure center in his brain. His staff is disappointed that he’d fake such a thing, but they fail to think about how bad House must be feeling since he was willing to take such drastic measures.

Later Wilson confronts House while noting Patrick’s surgery went well. Wilson comments on the irony of how people with cancer push people away, and House faked his cancer to do the same thing. He suggests that House ease up a little and go out with a friend.

House checks up on Patrick who won’t be talking for a while until his other brain half has learned to control his speech center, but he can now button his shirt, and is happy. Later House leaves and notices the others at a bar getting together and having a good time. He contemplates this, then takes a step forward and grabs the door handle.
**Top Secret**

**Season 3**
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*Recurring Role:* Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)  
*Guest Stars:* Marco Morales (Cpl. Foley), Keisha Alfred (Technician), Hira Ambrosino (Anesthesiologist), Annie Quinn (Gina), Marc Blucas (John Kelley)  
*Production Code:* HOU-316  
*Summary:* The ex-Marine that saved House’s life, in a dream he had the day before, is admitted in the hospital with symptoms resembling Gulf War Syndrome. While House is busy dealing with his own health issues, and Chase and Cameron are too busy with each other, the ex-Marine gets worse.

A group of soldiers drive across the landscape in a war zone, when suddenly there’s a burst of fire and the jeep goes over. One Marine hauls another wounded man away... and it’s House, who is dreaming the entire thing happening to him. Cuddy comes in with a case for him, of a veteran with Gulf War syndrome, who is the nephew of a hospital benefactor. House checks the file... and recognizes the patient as the man who was hauling him away in his dream.

House tells his dream to Wilson but doesn’t believe he had some kind of miraculous dream, but seems to have trouble urinating. The staff are divided on the diagnosis of Gulf War Syndrome and run a diagnosis on him, while House wonders if he might have seen the Marine, John Kelley, on TV. Kelley complains of fatigue and aching of the joints and the staff is still divided, while House wonders again where he might have seen him. House starts to feel some new pains and leaves the staff to test Kelley, and Cameron and Chase spar about who will stay to run the tests. Cameron suggests they have sex on a nearby bed. After some reluctance on Chase’s part, they end up together.

House is at home and still having trouble urinating and sleeping, and feeling more pain. Foreman comes in to find Chase and Cameron gone and Kelley complaining of a phantom odor. Kelley’s mouth is covered with bacterial vaginoisis which is causing the taste/smell.

House is soaking in the bed when the staff calls him with the new confirmed symptom. House suspects parotid cancer and tells them to track down Kelley’s former girlfriend for the possibility of a STD. Wilson tends to Kelley who admits he avoided chewing tobacco because of his concern out of cancer. The staff wonders why House is wasting their time, or if he’s wasting their time, but Foreman is more interested in where Cameron and Chase were. Chase lies (badly) until Cameron admits they were having sex. Foreman thinks she’s joking and doesn’t believe her.

House visits Wilson who says the tests are inconclusive. House then asks for a prescription but Wilson isn’t willing even though House hasn’t urinated in three days. Wilson doesn’t believe him but fills the prescription. The staff confirms Kelley hasn’t had a date in a year and leaves, and after Foreman leaves Chase is ticked off that Cameron convinced Foreman they weren’t together. Chase thinks they’re out of control and suspects Cameron wants to get caught and make House jealous.

House is meeting with a clinic patient, Gina, who is bragging about her sex life and admits she has OCD and drinks a lot of water in front of House. House diagnoses her as having diabetes.
insipidus caused by a damaged pituitary. Wilson is testing Kelley with a dye but the Marine goes deaf in the middle of the test. Wilson tells House that Kelley has cancer of the brain, with at least six tumors. After deafness comes blindness... and death.

The tumors didn’t turn up in the VA report, so House wonders if the x-rays got switched. Cameron and Chase report that everything Kelley has told them is true about his background, to confirm why he dreamed about Kelley, and Wilson takes over. Cuddy has the VA re-check the files but House still suspects something is wrong despite the fact a metal pin confirms the x-ray is Kelley’s. House now suspects radiation exposure and orders a new round of tests but Cameron wants him to admit the dream is something House can’t explain. House snaps at her before barging out, and Chase wonders if Cameron is really over House. Foreman and Wilson are preparing for surgery on Kelley when the scan shows no signs of the cancer. House suspects they were wrong diagnosing what they saw but they’re interrupted when Kelley’s legs are paralyzed and House asks him one question: has he ever appeared in any porno.

It’s back to the white board but Chase comes in to reveal he’s detected depleted uranium in Kelley’s blood. But House doesn’t believe it’s relevant any more and then heads home to get some sleep. Foreman suggests they treat Kelley for radiation toxicity.

House goes home and puts in a catheter to drain his kidneys and gain some much needed relief, then goes to bed. The staff prepares to administer the treatment but the paralysis is spreading upward. House can’t get to sleep and goes in the next morning for a new differential diagnosis. They mention they started to administer the radiation treatment and House is irritated since it’s introduced a new variable and didn’t accomplish anything. Cuddy calls them in to reveal that Kelley is unconscious and House believes there’s blood loss and orders a transfusion. Chase trips over a puddle of urine coming out of House’s catheter bag, which is leaking. House starts bleeding from the nose... then realizes he’s having a dream and wakes up.

House comes back in for the morning and now knows the answer: Kelley has cauterization scars in his nose from a childhood disease that destroys the capillaries and merges the arteries and veins together, which prevent his blood from being filtered, causing the infections. Surgery will clear up the condition and House can now urinate. He boasts to Wilson that now he’s fine but Wilson wonders why he was having trouble in the first place, trouble caused by Vicodin. House doesn’t buy it for a minute.

House confronts Cuddy about the fact that she lied and she dated Kelley two years ago, which is how House recognized him. Cuddy suspects that House remembered Kelley because the Marine made out with her and tells House to get over her. House denies it.

Later Cameron and Chase are making out when House barges in to interrupt them, then leaves smiling.
Pregnant photographer Emma arrives at a photo shoot for rock star Tyson Ritter, but she can’t read the writing on a prop chalk board. She’s starts slurring her speech and says she’s having a stroke before passing out.

House comes in to visit Emma, who is checked in at the hospital. He runs some tests and determines her kidneys have shut down, and resolves to find the underlying cause of the stroke. Emma is interested in taking photos of House, and the staff is interested in House’s photo. House has the staff run tests to determine if she has a clot in her heart, while he discusses his vacation plans, and Cameron wonders why House didn’t say anything about seeing her and Chase together. They confirm House’s diagnoses and prepare to put in a balloon to clear the clot.

The staff clears the clot but Emma’s kidneys are still shut down and the staff runs various diagnoses. They come up with five possible conditions but they all test negative. House confronts Emma and warns that there’s something wrong with the fetus.

It’s back to the white board where House explains that the fetus is dying and could take the mother with it. House decides to paralyze the fetus and Cuddy confronts him on it. He tells her that Cameron and Chase are making out in the hospital, then agrees to let House get Emma’s consent… and accompanies him. Emma agrees and Cuddy reassures her that House is the person to handle the situation. The subsequent tests show the bladder is four times normal size because of a urinary tract and Cuddy takes over the case. She talks to Cameron about her dating Chase and warns that Chase won’t be the one to get hurt.

Cameron finds House relaxing in a hyperbaric chamber and building up his tolerance for high pressures for his upcoming vacation, and she confronts him about talking to Cuddy. He ducks the matter while Cuddy tells Emma about the treatment they have planned to relieve the pressure on the fetus’ bladder. She then finds House in her office and he questions her diagnosis of bladder blockage, warning the first two tests will be inconclusive. He suggests that Cuddy is sympathizing with Emma as they are both older women having a baby through insemination. Cuddy decides to hand the case back to House.

The third test proves positive and Chase gives the results to Emma, who is thankful things will turn out okay. Emma realizes that Chase is having an affair with Cameron. They prepare to treat the baby but discover she is jaundiced and her liver is shutting down. House believes the fetus “lied” and the urinary tract infection is just a sign of something else. With time running out, House suggests there is only one sure cure: to deliver the baby at 21 weeks, two weeks earlier than when it is viable. House breaks the news to Emma and she wants to wait the two weeks,
but House warns she won’t last two days. She refuses to have an abortion and demands House fix it so they can both live.

House goes to Cuddy who refuses to go to Emma and back House. It’s back to differential diagnosis with Cuddy running the board. Cuddy suggests a treatment and Cameron reluctantly backs her, suggesting they go through the veins in the neck to get to the liver. House mentions Cameron and Chase are dating out, much to Foreman’s surprise. They go with it while Cuddy suggests that an unenthusiastic House go on vacation. Chase and Foreman go with the procedure but the fetus’ heart rate drops and Emma goes into pre-term labor. They manage to get the contractions to subside but warn they’ll have to remove the fetus. Cuddy insists on finding the problem and suggests they have to check the undeveloped lungs. Cuddy suggests they use steroids to increase the lung growth and the staff refuse. Cuddy goes off to do it and Emma has another seizure. Wilson goes in to suggest it’s time to terminate and Cuddy tells him to help or get out.

Later a concerned Cuddy goes to Wilson and admits that everyone was right and Emma’s lungs are shutting down. She wants to know what House would do if he was in her position, and Cuddy concludes that Emma doesn’t need her lungs because she’s on a machine, so she’s put the fetus back on steroids. Cuddy goes to House who is packing for his vacation and agrees to look at the tests now that the baby’s lungs have expanded. They go back to the hospital and try to figure out a way to examine the lungs more thoroughly. They finally decide to do exploratory surgery and explain things to Emma. She agrees and they take her into surgery where House performs the operation. During the operation the baby’s hand emerges and briefly grasps House’s hand. They find lesions in the baby’s lungs but Emma goes into defib. House prepares to cut the umbilical but Cuddy insists on applying the paddles until Emma revives.

House informs Emma that the baby is now fine and Emma thanks him. House tells her to thank Cuddy because he would have killed the kid. Chase meets with Cameron who notices a photo that Emma took of him, one that shows him "glowing," from earlier when he was talking about Cameron. Cuddy gives House a ticket for a vacation in Canada and he tells her she made the wrong call and got lucky. Cuddy is fine with her decision and tells him to go get happy. House goes home and rips up the ticket, then takes the phone off the hook and settles down for a night of television and Vicodin... while he considers where the baby touched him. Much later, Emma is hanging up photos of the staff and taking care of her baby at her home.
Airborne
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Guest Stars: Ben Carroll (Businessman), Gayla Goehl (Businesswoman), Jenny O’Hara (Fran), Tess Lina (Keo), Meta Golding (Robin), Connor Webb (12-year-old Boy), Melissa Kite (Sour Faced Girl), Pej Vahdat (Foreign Man), Krista Kalmus (Joy), Jamison Yang (Peng), Karla Droege (Mother)

Production Code: HOU-318
Summary: On House and Cuddy’s flight from Singapore a passenger gets ill and Cuddy suspects an epidemic. At the hospital, Wilson leads the team as they deal with a middle-aged woman suffering from seizures.

An older woman at her home, Fran, answers the door and greets Robin, a younger woman working for an "agency." Robin finally quotes her a price of $1,000, satisfaction guaranteed, and when Fran goes to get the money and finds her cat up on the shelf, Robin slips into a slinky dress. Fran starts to get dizzy then collapses and Robin is unable to wake her up. She grabs the money then calls an ambulance.

Wilson examines Fran and determines she went to Caracas recently and had a number of drug and sexual escapades. On the plane, a man next to House starts vomiting and he manages to trick Cuddy into switching places with him.

Wilson goes over Fran’s case with House’s staff and sends them out to check things out. Cuddy confronts House and they disagree on the diagnosis including the man’s rash, and House tries to reassure the stewardess. Chase and Cameron go to Fran’s house and after discussing their relationship, Cameron decides to have sex on the bed while the cat looks on.

On the plane, another person starts vomiting and House notices she has the same rash. With Cuddy busy, House rounds up the passengers to stand in for his staff while running a differential diagnosis. They’re too far to turn around at this point and Cuddy shows up to eliminate the possibilities. House concludes it’s food poisoning from the sea food kabobs and tells the passengers to go to the restrooms to vomit.

The staff turns up nothing on Fran’s tests and Wilson figures she has breast cancer. Meanwhile House forces the first victim to get up so he can determine if he has weakness of the joints, which he does.

Wilson confronts Robin and tries to figure out what her relationship to Fran is. He asks her to stand in as Fran’s friend and Robin reluctantly agrees. Cameron administers a mammogram as Robin stays for Fran and tries to reassure her that she didn’t do anything stupid. Fran complains of blindness in her right eye.
House now believes that radiation sickness is responsible and the second victim is pregnant and her symptoms are similar but not from the same source. However Cuddy interrupts him to point out he’s wrong... as she starts vomiting and gets a rash.

While Fran undergoes eye tests, House determines Cuddy is photosensitive and she asserts they need medicine before the illness spreads any further. Robin finally leaves but asks Wilson to let her know what happens to Fran. Cameron is discussing her relationship with Chase, with Foreman, when Fran passes out.

House goes through the plane collecting any medicine he can while back at the hospital, the staff disagrees on the diagnosis for Fran until finally Chase agrees with Cameron on her proposed lumbar puncture test but it turns out they’re wrong.

House and Cuddy conclude they have to tap into the first victim’s spinal cord with a LP despite the fact the airplane isn’t stable. House determines that the fluid is clear which supposedly shows bacterial meningitis and informs the passengers to let him know as soon as they show symptoms. They start showing the symptoms he mentions and House announces they’re suffering from mass hysteria. He points out that even Cuddy fell victim to the hysteria, but that leaves them with one problem: what is the problem with the first patient, Pang.

It’s back to what passes for a white board on the plane and House figure that a condom is responsible: Pang is a drug mule who is smuggling cocaine in his stomach and the condom burst, spreading the cocaine throughout his system and causing his illness. They’ll have to operate to save him.

As they take Fran into surgery, Chase wonders if their relationship is compromising their judgment. Then he remembers that the cat’s bowl at the house was full.

House prepares to operate while Chase goes back to Fran’s house and finds the cat dead. He goes to the basement and finds an open pipe. House prepares to cut Pang open but then the boy helping him presses down, causing an easing of the pain. House figures that pressure on his joints relieves his pain, so checks his wallet.

Wilson and Foreman prepare to drill in to Fran’s skull while Chase follows the pipe outside and over to the next house which is being fumigated. He calls Cameron who stops the operation. House goes through Pang’s wallet and finds he was scuba diving: he has the bends due to the low pressure from the flight.

The staff explains to Fran that she got a dose of the fumigation poison, and she says that she thought she was being punished.

The plane lands safely and House points out that Cuddy owes him. She denies it and as they leave, the stewardess hits on House. Wilson calls Robin to reassure her... and ask her out. As Cameron and Chase leave, Chase says he wants more and she refuses, saying it’s over.
At a pre-school, a father checks on his 8-year-old son Jasper who is bleeding after a fight. His daughter Lucy comes over but the father is distracted when the boy’s nose continues to bleed, and their mother died some time ago of cancer. The boy’s nose stops bleeding. . . but Lucy collapses, breathing erratically.

Cuddy comes into House’s office to try to catch him with the case file as he goes out the door. He orders the staff to do a round of tasks and it soon becomes clear Cameron and Chase are fighting after their break-up. Chase leaves early and the next day comes up with the possibility of a fungus. Cameron administers tests and Lucy displays signs of blurred vision. It’s back to differential diagnosis and House focuses on Lucy’s knees, suspecting rheumatoid arthritis. He’s more interested in the fact he has two play tickets as he sees a student patient at the clinic, and insists Wilson take the tickets for a date with the woman he’s seeing. Wilson reluctantly accepts while the patient admits he can’t produce a urine test anywhere publicly, and wants to head home.

Foreman briefs Lucy’s father Deran on her condition but the girl has a stroke as they watch. They dissolve the clot and try to account for the thick blood, caused by lack of oxygen. They suspect Deran smokes and House sends Cameron and Chase to check out the house. As they leave, Jasper gives Cameron a bouquet and clearly has a crush on her. Cameron gives him a kiss just to make Chase jealous and then they head for the house, while Jasper explores the hospital until he’s brought back to his father.

Cameron and Chase argue over their relationship and check out a vent under Lucy’s bed, where they find a t-shirt with blood on it. They suspect Deran is abusing Lucy but Foreman disagrees, and Cameron suggests sexual abuse. House isn’t thrilled they have to waste time on it and orders a full physical exam. Foreman confronts Deran directly and tells him to okay a vaginal exam, and the father agrees to save time. Cameron conducts the physical and discovers she has cuts across her groin. Foreman suggests they check the blood while House confronts his patient and points out he gave him someone else’s urine sample. Cuddy confronts House and insists he should call Social Services, while he figures out she went to the play with Wilson. He talks to Wilson who denies having sex with Cuddy, and Foreman announces that they’ve discovered she’s starting puberty.

House and the staff try to figure out how she has excess hormones and House concludes it’s a tumor, overriding Cameron’s objections. Chase and Foreman run test and debate Chase’s
relationship, and find a tumor. Meanwhile Wilson goes to House and says Cuddy sent him flowers
and figures she wants to get together with him again, then runs off in a panic when he spots
Cuddy. As House walks off, he mentions to Cuddy that he sent Wilson the flowers.

Cameron runs into Jasper who wants to know if Chase is her boyfriend. As she takes him
back to his father, he cops a feel. Foreman and Chase operate on Lucy to remove the tumor but
her heart stops. Chase suggests they stop the therapy but Foreman determines the tumor is a
benign cyst. Foreman leaves them alone to work things out overnight. Cameron admits Chase
was right about Jasper and then apologizes to Chase for misleading him. He notes she didn’t and
claims she has feeling for him, but then Jasper charges at them, furious and biting. They call
House who isn’t too concerned and continues watching wrestling. Then he realizes that Jasper
is acting logically due to his aggression... because his hormone levels are too high.

The tests show Jasper has a hundred times more testosterone than normal. Chase sus-
ppects it’s something genetic and they wonder if the mother might have had similar symptoms.
Lucy complains of stomach pains and they find cysts in her organs. With time running out, the
mother’s record is clean along with the environmental tests and Cameron suggests they should
remove her pituitary with brain surgery, and House has no choice but to agree. Cameron goes to
the father but House argues against it, but Cameron goes with the sympathy angle by mention-
ing her dead husband, and Deran agrees. House responds by manufacturing a fake wife, but the
father agrees with Cameron. But House realizes the father knew the other kids at the pre-school
weren’t sick when he shouldn’t have, and concludes something is up.

House goes to the pre-school and concludes the teacher Janie is dating Deran. She says she’s
never been to their house but he notices she’s had her lips waxed. He realizes that her excessive
hair is a result of hormones and the father uses an estrogen-based male enhancement cream. It
got onto his skin through the pores and he gave it to the children and Janie when he touched
them, and they’ll be fine once Deran stops using the cream.

House goes to see Wilson who is wondering if he should explore a relationship with Cuddy.
Wilson decides to just go up to her and kiss her and House... says nothing. Wilson then storms
in angry because he knew House sent the flowers. House points out that Wilson really wants to
kiss her and he admits it... not.

As Chase and Cameron prepare to leave for the night, Chase leaves her flowers and Cameron
says she doesn’t want a relationship for him. Lucy and Jasper leave with Deran and Janie, while
Cuddy and House discuss May-September relationships, and House suggests they go to the play.
A con man is running three-card monte on a woman who suddenly can’t decide what card to select. She collapses and the guy runs off.

The woman, Lupe, wakes up and talks to Foreman who identifies her condition as TIA caused by abulia, causing her brain to "freeze." While Chase and Foreman discuss the fact she’s a scam artist who goes from job to job to collect unemployment and whether it means she has drugs, House notices Wilson meeting with his ex-wife. Lupe’s drug test proves clean and House goes off to talk to Wilson, who says his ex needs to have him take care of their dog Hector. House is more interested with the fact Cuddy turned him down for a date to a play and Wilson reveals she is going out with him instead to an art gallery exhibit.

As Chase and Foreman leave to check out Lupe’s apartment, they run into Foreman’s father Rodney and he suggests that Foreman talk to his mother, who he’s been avoiding for eight years and who has Alzheimer’s. At Lupe’s apartment they find drugs and Chase goes to run the tests, leaving Foreman to have to go to dinner with his parents.

House spars with Cuddy over her dating and she thinks he’s jealous. Foreman arrives at his parents’ hotel room and his mother is glad to see him. Later he returns to the hospital where Lupe starts coughing up blood and goes into respiratory arrest. Cameron and Chase run tests on her, and Chase notes he’s still available despite Cameron’s denials. They spot a mass and conclude she has autoimmune. Foreman recommends steroids and House agrees with the (boring) treatment. House then leaves to check out condos with Wilson’s wife Bonnie, a real estate agent. He not-so-subtly asks her about Wilson’s dating habits, while Wilson and Cuddy go to the art exhibit where they realize they’re at the wrong exhibit and the one they’re at has exotic artwork. Bonnie wants House to persuade Wilson to take Hector while he keeps talking about her romantic and sex relationship.

While Foreman tends to Lupe, she figures out he doesn’t like her because of her drug use, and she starts coughing again. He determines from the yellow in her eyes that her liver is failing and she’ll need a transplant, and three of her organs are getting worse. Foreman now suspects cancer and proposes full radiation treatment. House agrees and goes to get her consent and discuss Foreman. She goes into brain freeze again then passes out.

House chats with Wilson who wants to know why he was talking to Bonnie. House says he plans to work out why Wilson keeps going wrong in his relationships and says he has to have sex with Cuddy: Wilson is not amused. As they prepare Lupe for radiation treatment, she starts screaming in pain from the pressure of the blood cuff.
The staff concludes she's septic as a result of the steroid treatment Foreman ordered, and he agrees to tell her what they've done. Later Bonnie comes to see House to show him a new condo and he admits he doesn't plan to buy one. She confronts him saying that House never cared about her and he didn't help as far as her marriage breaking up. House is unapologetic and she leaves.

Foreman goes to Wilson on advice about how to break the news and he suggests that Foreman show her how upset he is. Foreman then goes to tell her she has less than 24 hours and there's nothing they can do about it. She screams at him to get out. Outside, Wilson slams his fist into a wall in anger. He goes to Cameron to get his hand bandaged and finds out House is preparing an aspiration for her. Foreman goes to confront him as he tries to figure out what they missed. Foreman tells him to wait. He then goes to see Lupe who admits she has no friends and her passing won't make much difference. As they wait for her to die, Foreman admits she was right when she said earlier he had a problem with her, and that he made some bad decisions, then worked to overcome them. He concedes he still proves himself and when he went home in his last year of college, it was the last time he felt at home. She admits that she made things up about how she never had a chance as well.

Foreman watches over her as she dies, then calls in House to do his tests. Chase tries to comfort Foreman by suggesting he talk to God. House discovers she scratched herself with her bra hook, which let a staph infection get in. He breaks the news to Foreman who isn't comforted. House says it won't be Foreman's last mistake, or his.

House heads out with Wilson, and reveals that he's keeping Hector. Foreman meets with his mother and admits he hurt someone and it was his fault. She forgives him... but doesn't remember who he is.
**Family**

*Season 3*

**Episode Number:** 67  
**Season Episode:** 21

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**Writer:** Liz Friedman  
**Director:** David Straiton  
**Show Stars:** Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)  
**Recurring Role:** Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)  
**Guest Stars:** Dabir Snell (Matty), Greg Cipes (Salesman), Adina Porter (Claudia), Jascha Washington (Nick), Thomas Mikal Ford (Scott)  
**Production Code:** HOU-321  
**Summary:** Wilson prepares to transplant bone marrow from Matty to his brother Nick. But when Nick gets sick, the team must cure him as he’s the only safe donor. Meanwhile Foreman deals with the consequences of his mistake and House has a battle of wills with his new pet Hector.

Nick prepares to see his brother Matty, who is receiving chemo for leukemia in isolation. He and his mother go in to see him. Wilson is preparing to take bone marrow from Nick to give to Matty when Nick sneezes, indicating he’s not healthy.

House wakes up at his house in the morning to discover Wilson’s dog Hector in his face and his belongings chewed up. Later staff meets to talk about Nick’s infection because there are no other donors available and Matty only has five days to live. However, House is more concerned about Foreman’s whereabouts. They track him down him in the chapel where he is considering the patient he killed. House prods him into getting involved then suggests that they weaken Nick’s immune system so they can advance the infection so they can diagnose it. House and Wilson go to the parents who reluctantly agree.

Chase and Foreman go to the family’s house to check for environmental sources and discuss their concerns over patients they’ve lost. Chase then takes a sample from an outdoor water pump.

At the hospital, they lower Nick’s temperature to advance the infection and Chase and Foreman ask him about the pump, but he says he hasn’t drunk anything from it in over a year. Nick now has a swollen scrotum and muscle pains. House lets Foreman go look for donors while Chase gives Cameron his weekly reminder he’s interested in her, then suspects that the swollen scrotum indicates they drove the infection into his heart causing injury there.

They find a growth on the heart valve and House proposes they remove it but Foreman believes antibiotics would suffice. However, there’s no way to clear his system in time but House suggests it will let them get the bone marrow. Foreman objects and goes to Cuddy with Wilson and House. House pretty much sits out the argument and after she tells them to explain the situation to the parents, he admits to her that he’s giving Foreman a little slack because of his lack of confidence. He’s giving Foreman four days to get over it.

Wilson goes to the parents and convinces them to agree to the heart surgery, even though it will cripple Nick. They agree and Wilson is guilty that he persuaded them to do, and the parents feel guilty that Nick’s love is driving him to undergo the operation. However, Wilson does a biopsy to determine the growth on the heart is fibrous, not a tumor, so he called off the surgery. He calls House who is more concerned about the fact Hector has eaten half of his Vicodin.

House comes back in for a differential and they try to determine what would cause the fibrous growth. Cameron suggests it might be auto-immune, which would mean the bone marrow is
uncontaminated. Foreman reports they've come up with a donor who is a four-out-of-six match but House wants to diagnose the auto-immune and orders tests. Cameron prepares to administer the test when Nick starts bruising on his arm, indicating he's getting worse. Wilson wants to know how Hector got hold of the Vicodin and House admits that he's getting tired of the dog that is chewing everything up. Cameron reports to House that Matty's tests are negative, but they're unaware that Foreman has secretly gone to the parents to tell them of the donor that are available.

House and Wilson end up talking to the parents who want them to go with the donors despite the risk that they may not match exactly. The parents insist on going with the donor and Wilson isn't happy that Foreman undercut them. House defends Foreman for at least standing up for what he believed, and attacks Wilson for not being direct with the parents and telling them what to do.

House arrives home after leaving his door open "accidentally" but Hector is still there. Unfortunately, somebody took off with House's stereo. The next day Matty wants to see his brother but can't due to his infection, and believes Nick will die. Matty is itching and Cameron sees that he's bleeding out of his ear.

House meets with Wilson to buy a new cane then apologizes to him for his earlier attack... then claims he didn't mean it. Cameron calls him with the news that Matty's bone marrow is crashing. House decides to stop the treatment to determine what's responsible... then buys a new cane with flame trim.

The staff goes back to differential but they can't diagnose Matty because the parents are trying to treat him so they can't figure out the symptoms. House then suggests they give Matty's infection to Nick, because he has no defenses and they can observe the rapidly-spreading infection and figure out what it is. They have no choice and go back to the parents, explaining that Nick is going to die either way but at least they can get a diagnosis and cure Matty. The parents refuse and Foreman suggests they start testing for all the thousands of possible infections. As Foreman goes to start testing, House goes to see the suffering Nick and convince him to save Matty by agreeing to take on his infection.

Wilson and Foreman check the tests and Wilson notes that House will probably fire Foreman. Foreman is more interested in finding the source of the infection, but Wilson then wonders why they have a water pump when they live in the suburbs. Matty tells his parents he wants to save his brother and they agree, but then Foreman bursts in to reveal they've figured out Matty's infection is the result of chicken feces in the dirt he used to make a baseball mound. However, Matty is too low on bone marrow. Foreman talks to Matty who still wants to go through with the transplant. Foreman painfully extracts the bone marrow from him sans sedation.

Later Wilson has to face the parents and suggests House should talk to Foreman, but he isn't interested now that Foreman is back to "normal." House has Hector in his office and has figured out a way to keep him calm: giving him Wilson's stethoscope. Wilson announces that his ex has convinced her apartment board to allow pets. Wilson suggest that House keep Hector but he's having nothing of it. House then goes to talk to Foreman as he watches the parents meet with their sons and Foreman admits he did what House would have, but he doesn't like it... and gives his two weeks' notice.
### Summary

The team deals with a 19-year-old college student, while Foreman suddenly and without a reason hands in his resignation. House seems to have already found Foreman’s replacement, an attractive nutritionist named Honey.

Two college students are sparring at a dojo when the girl Addie becomes increasingly violent then collapses, spitting blood. The staff checks her out but they’re more interested in the fact that Foreman has announced his resignation. House orders tests and while Chae tries to get an answer from Foreman on the reason for his resignation, Addie displays goosebumps. House suspects an infection in her lungs and orders a biopsy, then goes to see Wilson and notices he’s yawning. Wilson simply claims he’s tired and wonders if House doesn’t believe Foreman is quitting.

Addie’s tests prove negative but House wonders what might cause her to display the symptoms of an infection. Foreman laughs at one of House’s jokes and Chase wonders why Foreman now finds his superior humorous. Addie goes into convulsions and they run a spinal tap. There are minute traces of blood in the sample and House believes this indicates an infection, and orders his staff to check the lungs. He then meets with a clinic patient and his girlfriend, a nutritionist named Honey, and the man complains about floating bowel movements, and he’s a vegan. While he goes out to pick up some amphetamines, staff report that Addie’s lungs are clear but House still believes there’s an infection and they suspect her body is unable to fight infection and they should try to fight the continuing infections. House then returns to say that Honey’s boyfriend is cheating on her... by eating meat.

Chase administers a macular test to Addie by checking her eyes, while House grinds up the amphetamines and puts them in a cup of coffee which he gives to a suspicious Wilson. He then talks about hiring Honey, then the staff report the test was negative but House believes he’s still right about the infection. They go with a MRI and Foreman admits to Cameron that he’s quitting because he doesn’t want to be like House. Foreman admits he thinks Cameron is a jerk and he is becoming a jerk like House. Addie’s head starts to hurt and she starts bleeding from the top of her skull.

House believes an infection is still responsible and Chase wants to give her steroids for autoimmune, but it will kill Addie if they’re wrong. They prepare for a heart attack which will confirm House’s diagnosis, while Cuddy confronts House and wants to know if he’s talked to Foreman about his resignation. Cameron holds off on shocking Addie.

Foreman goes to see Wilson who is unwittingly on amphetamines. Wilson tells him that House wants him to stay, then goes off to see a patient and makes her nervous. Wilson figure out what’s
going on and confronts House, who cheerfully admits what he did and notes that Wilson is still yawning, which means he’s taking anti-depressants and has to take Vicodin to calm down.

House goes to bed and wakes up to find Cameron over him. She tells him that Addie’s kidneys have shut down and Chase was wrong. The new symptoms confirm an infection and the steroid treatment will make the next infection worst. House is happy that he diagnosed it early on but wants to wait until she has a stroke or heart attack to confirm.

Addie finally goes into v-fib and Foreman brings her back, then congratulates House. He notes that House doesn’t know her name or her parents’ name, but House isn’t concerned. House figure Foreman doesn’t want to quit when he notices Foreman is trying to get him to mellow a bit, and won’t admit he wants Foreman to stay.

House goes to break the news to Addie and her parents and she doesn’t to hear why she’s dying. House prepares to leave then wonders why she’s not interested and is smiling and happy. House finally realizes what he’s been missing and goes to Wilson, who’s recovering from amphetamine withdrawal. House realizes that Wilson has been slipping him anti-depressants in his coffee, making him “happy.” House realizes he’s been missing something else... and goes in to kick the parents out of Addie’s room while telling them she’ll leave. He realizes she’s been suffering from depression and tried to kill herself by taking kitchen cleaner that she put in a slow-dissolving gel cap. Her body started to heal the damage but damaged the veins causing a “bridge” that let the bacteria into an artery and spread throughout her body. She admits she’s never been happy and asks House not to tell her parents. He agrees in return for her promising she won’t do it again and she does, but House is skeptical.

Surgery fixed Addie and House breaks the law and tells the parents what really happened, then suggests they might get her on meds. The parents want to call her if they have any questions, and House tells them no.

Cuddy meets with Foreman as they watch Addie’s operation, and tells him there are worst things to turn into, but Foreman doesn’t believe it. House meets with Honey at a bar and it turns out he wants to date her. He lays out all of his character flaws but she’s impressed with his truthfulness and he has a cup of her tea... when he hates tea.
The Jerk

Season 3
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Season Episode: 23

Originally aired: Tuesday May 15, 2007 on FOX
Writer: Leonard Dick
Director: Daniel Sackheim
Show Stars: Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron)

Guest Stars: Kyra Da Costa (Female Proctor), Cindy Lu (Nurse), Jack Maxwell (Male Proctor), Ben Bledsoe (Opponent), Katie Boggs (Screaming Girl), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), David Bowe (Doug), Dustin Joiner (Mark), Colleen Flynn (Enid), Nick Lane (Nate)

Production Code: HOU-323
Summary: House treats a 16-year-old chess prodigy who gets everyone on the team annoyed with his behavior. Foreman is upset with House because he thinks his boss sabotaged his job interview with another hospital.

At a speed chess match, Nate is playing against an opponent and taunts him with his inevitable victory. Nate wins the game but when his opponent offers him congratulations, he hits him with a clock and then beats him bloody before collapsing from head pains.

After differential diagnosis and an initial conclusion of cluster headaches leading to Nate’s aggressive personality, Chase snubs Foreman about giving him a recommendation for his upcoming job application, and tends to Nick treating him for the headaches. Nate’s mom is relieved that the treatments might alter her son’s obnoxious personality... for the better.

The next day Chase reports the treatments aren’t working and Foreman complains to House that someone canceled his interview behind his back. Foreman tells House to either admit he wants him to stay or let him go, but House claims it wasn’t him. He goes to Cuddy and accuses her of sabotaging Foreman’s interview but she denies it. He then asks her for hallucinogenic mushrooms to treat Nate and she reluctantly agrees. Nate’s mother Enid agrees as well and Nate goes through hallucinations and exposes himself, where Cameron notices he has undersized testes, and they suspect a brain tumor. Enid agrees to it but Nate argues against it, and Nate blacks out from jaundice as his liver shuts down.

It’s back to differential diagnosis and House suggests they stuff him full of meat (as Nate has been recently gone to a vegetarian diet) and test Nate once his ammonia levels spike. Foreman goes to Cuddy who offers to double his salary and set him up with his own diagnostic group. Foreman refuses and Cuddy admits she sabotaged his interview... then doesn’t, to get him to admit he’s not sure if House did it. Meanwhile, Chase finally blows up at Nate and tells him to eat the meat, and has him restrained if he doesn’t go along. Nate reluctantly agrees.

Cuddy goes to Wilson and accuses him of sabotaging Foreman’s interview. Wilson admits that he wants Foreman to go so House will realize he has limits and can’t get everything he wants. She thinks he’s lying and points out that whoever sabotaged Foreman’s interview made sure he was leaving.

House meets with a man at a clinic who is sunburned and has white spots. House figures out the man’s son put coins on him while the guy was sleeping. The tests on Nate prove negative and House orders him to fast to test his blood sugar levels. Nate goes into another rage and urinates blood on the floor.

In differential diagnosis they determine the bloody urine is from kidney failure. Foreman takes off for another job interview then later gives Nate a sedative so he can take a blood sample
in peace, despite Enid’s complaints. Wilson goes to Cameron and accuses her of sabotaging Foreman’s interview, claiming Cuddy plans to fire him. Cameron quickly figures out he’s lying about being fired and he figures she sabotaged the interview. Cameron claims she doesn’t care about House and Wilson doesn’t believe her.

Cameron then runs the tests with Chase and she accuses Chase of sabotaging the interview, just because he doesn’t like Foreman. He denies it then makes his weekly advance toward her. They then discover a partial deficiency indicating a degenerative disease, Kelley-Seegmiller, but Cameron argues Nate isn’t displaying sufficient aggressiveness. House suggests they speed up the degeneracy by applying more stress, while Chase gets the mother out of the way.

House wheels in a chess board to Nate’s room and gives him an adrenaline shot. The game begins and they go back and forth until Nate gets House in what he claims is an untenable position, but then has a seizure. House considers the chessboard and talks to Foreman about his interview and who he provided as references. House eliminates the personality problems under the assumption Nate is just a jerk and orders a new bone marrow treatment for what he believes is amyloidosis. Foreman takes a nerve sample for a biopsy while Nate notes he sucks at treating him.

The new tests prove negative and foreman suspects an infection. House still believes it’s an amyloid build-up. When Foreman gives in, House notes that Foreman still trusts House more then his own judgment. That night Chase confronts House and accuses him of sabotaging the interview, figuring House is playing everyone against each other. House admits it and doesn’t think it’d do any good for him to admit he wants Foreman to stay. House realizes they forgot to take into account one symptom and determines Nate can’t bend his thumb because his bones have formed abnormally. House concludes he has hemochromatosis: Nate’s body has absorbed iron from food, and it’s built up in his joints. He orders regular dialysis for the rest of Nate’s life... and points out that he would have won their chess game and Nate was bluffing.

House goes to see Foreman... but tells him to run the tests for amyloidosis again without saying that he’s figured out what’s wrong with Nate.
A Coast Guard rescue team is picking up a Cuban couple stranded in the water. They have the woman on board but the man refuses to give up the suitcase he’s holding. They eventually get him on board when he drops the suitcase, and he reveals the suitcase held his ailing wife’s medical records... and they need to see Dr. House.

The couple is admitted to the hospital where Cuddy tries to get hold of House, who is busy watching Foreman in the cafeteria. Wilson points out House should try to convince Foreman to stay but House isn’t interested. He notes that House isn’t good with change, and is still playing the same guitar he’s had since eighth grade. House orders Chase and Cameron to check up on Marina and her husband Esteban, but Foreman is distracted and busy elsewhere. They come back and Chase points out to Foreman that neither he or House want to leave, and wonders what Foreman does want. Foreman determines that Marina has MS and suggests interferon treatment. House agrees and (mildly) expresses his appreciation for Foreman’s contribution.

Foreman administers the interferon and her pain gets worse, and he inadvertently breaks her wrist. House dismisses Chase belief that infection is responsible and House believes it’s cancer... which Foreman also believes is responsible. Chase is angry that House is going along with whatever Foreman says and later confronts House in his office. Before he can say anything, House fires him and says he’s been there long enough and it’s time for a change.

As Cameron and Foreman run a MRI on Marina, Chase comes in to tell them the news. Chase notices she has a hot spot. Everyone storms in to confront House over firing Chase and Cuddy tells him to unfire him. House refuses even when Chase calls in to reveal that Marina has a blood clot in her arm. Foreman explains to Esteban that the blood clot means Marina has a heart problem and Esteban insists on seeing House, who hasn’t visited yet. Foreman has Esteban sign a consent form for the treatment and then gives him House’s home number. Esteban continues to call throughout the night while Cameron wants to know what Foreman had to do with Chase’s firing while they administer a catheter. House comes in rather than talk to Esteban just as Marina’s pulse stops... even though she’s still talking and breathing. House has her cough to keep the blood flowing into her head and then they administer CPR rather than bypass to damage the heart. House leaves them to take care of Marina and has a meeting.
with Wilson in the middle of an operation, via television. Wilson believes it’s human error on Foreman’s part but House doesn’t believe it.

The team continues to administer CPR while Esteban wonders what’s going on and Cuddy brings a student through. House interrupts her to ask her what might have caused the heart stoppage. When Cuddy finds out Marina isn’t on bypass, she orders him to do so. Later Esteban confronts House and demands answers. House decides to look directly at Marina’s heart and has them jumpstart the heart to no effect, and the attending surgeon declares her dead.

Foreman is packing when Cameron arrives to give him a going-away present: the article he stole from her. Foreman admits he’ll miss her and House sends them home. They want House to tell the husband what’s going on but House refuses until they have answers. Cameron visits Chase at a diner and he admits it is time for a change and House was right. He also admits his “thing” with Cameron was silly and she says she’ll miss him, but leaves before anything else might develop.

Cuddy confronts House and accuses him of caring, but he denies it. She tells him it’s time to let go and he goes to Esteban, who is praying in the chapel, and tells him his wife is dead. Esteban goes to visit her one last time before they shut down the machine maintaining her heart. The machines are shut down but Esteban detects a heart beat and shows House, believing it’s a miracle. Marina wakes up and House wonders what has happened.

House meets with Cameron and Foreman and still insists there’s some reason, even though the pain is gone. House suspects a genetic defect in an artery and orders another angiogram, then goes to see the couple. He tells them he needs to fix the heart and asks permission to do another angiogram, and admits he was wrong but they need to put Marina in his hands, not God’s. They go ahead with the angiogram and they find the cause, which can be fixed with surgery.

Later Cameron goes to Chase’s house and says it’s Tuesday: it’s Monday but she didn’t want to wait. They kiss on the doorstep.

House is having supper when Wilson comes in just as Foreman is leaving. House finally breaks down and asks him to stay, admitting Foreman is an important part of the team and needs him. Foreman still plans to leave, saying he’s more interested in saving people then solving mysteries. House accuses him of drawing out his whole resignation, and Foreman just leaves without saying a word.

House goes to visit Cameron, who hands him her resignation letter. Cameron figures he’ll be fine and she admits she’ll miss him as she leaves.

Later House and Esteban share a drink and cigars over the sleeping Marina. House admits that he’s okay but doesn’t know what he’s going to do next. Later as he walks down the street and finds a large box waiting for him. He takes it into his apartment and opens it to reveal that he’s finally bought a new guitar.
Season Four
**Alone**

Season 4
Episode Number: 71
Season Episode: 1

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Writer: Peter Blake, David Shore
Director: Deran Sarafian
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Liliya Toneva (Liz), Kay Lenz (Mrs. Bradberry), Conor Dubin (Ben), Bevin Prince (Megan), Pat Millicano (Leon), Kathryn Adams (II) (Young Doctor), Ken Takemoto (Sam Lee), Leo Vargas (Male Nurse), Maurice Godin (Dr. Hourani), Xhercis (Imelda), Shannon McClung (Doug)
Production Code: HOU-401
Summary: With his diagnostic team gone, House tries to diagnose a young woman who survived an office building collapse. With the condition getting worse, Cuddy puts pressure on House to hire a new team, but instead attempts a differential diagnosis with help from the janitor.

A woman in an office, Megan Bradberry, is talking to her boyfriend Ben on the phone and she declines to go to Star Wars with him. He calls back from the parking lot to apologize, and she complains of wooziness, but the building collapses as he looks on.

Cuddy tries to get House interested in Megan’s case as she’s displaying further symptoms after being dug out of the rubble. She also wants him to hire a new team, but he refuses. House is more interested in playing his guitar and offers Cuddy a deal: if he can diagnose the girl by end of day, she leaves him alone for a week. She agrees, although Wilson has her doubts. House ends up recruiting the janitor to help him and after meeting with Megan, House offers to pay him to break into her house to check things out.

House takes Wilson to Megan’s house after tricking him with a lunch invitation. They search the house and House finds her secret diary. It turns out Megan was depressed until recently, and he suspects medication that her boyfriend and mother didn’t know. House has the janitor ask them to sign the release forms for dialysis treatment, and the janitor lets slip he’s not a doctor. They go to Cuddy, and House manages to convince them they might not know enough about Megan to be sure she wasn’t taking anti-depressants.

House goes to his office only to find his guitar missing. He quickly figures out Wilson has kidnapped it, and Wilson insists he interview for his new team, but House points out he’s solved the case. Cuddy tries to get through to Megan to find out what medication she was on but the girl has a heart seizure.

Cuddy confronts House to note he lost his bet and he sucker into her helping on the differential. He then goes to Wilson and agrees to review the resumes, but Wilson keeps the guitar until the interviews are done. House goes back to find Cuddy hasn’t come up with anything, and suspects Megan has heart damage brought on by the collapse. They test her heart and it’s fine, but her fever is back and House concludes she’s in DTs. Ben and Megan’s mother insist Megan couldn’t have been taking drugs or alcohol. House proposes they give her alcohol and then taper her off, and it becomes clear Ben and Megan’s mother aren’t on good terms. However, Mrs. Bradberry agrees to the treatment.

That night, House calls his first less-than-impressive applicant for an interview then pages Wilson to the hospital while he searches Wilson’s hotel room for the guitar. House erases Wilson’s Tivo in revenge, escalating the situation.

Megan starts to recover but they notice she’s unconscious but moving her mouth. Cuddy realizes that she’s silently screaming. She confronts House with the fact his differential was

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wrong but refuses to discuss the matter further with him. House goes back to differential. . . with his magic eight-ball. Cuddy interrupts, refusing to let Megan die, but House discovers Wilson is starting to break apart his guitar. Wilson wonders why House is reluctant to hire a team while he goes over Megan’s tests, and suggests he might be gunshy of being hurt. House has determined that Megan is going to start internal bleeding and orders her into surgery. Cuddy reluctantly enters into differential but argues that House needs a team, but he notices the size of Megan’s uterus. Going into the operation room, he realizes she was recently pregnant and had an abortion before Ben found out about it. He goes to talk to Ben, who is with the boyfriend of her co-worker Liz who died in the collapse. House reveals that Megan was on the pill, which caused the symptoms. Ben doesn’t believe Megan had the abortion but the blood tests are conclusive, and it caused the bleeding. Ben grants him permission to administer an anti-cancer treatment.

Later House goes to see one of Wilson’s patients, San Lee. . . and moves him to a different room to convince Wilson he’s been kidnapped. He goes to see Megan. . . who is collapsing from the treatment, even though House insists he isn’t wrong. Desperate for someone to talk to, House goes down to the ER but Cuddy has told everyone not to talk to him. One doctor finally offers to help and suggest crush syndrome, and refuses to acknowledge it might be a combination of symptoms that can’t be cured. House suggests she give him her resume and then goes to see Megan. Ben and Megan’s mother are there and House informs them Megan’s body is giving up and all they can do is maintain her with supportive dialysis. He notices a lump on her arm and orders a biopsy, overriding Cuddy’s orders to the lab technician. Megan has multiple growths, granulomas that signify an allergic reaction. Cuddy puts Megan on steroids but they don’t know what she’s allergic to.

House is left to consider the white board while Wilson realizes his patient has disappeared and confronts House. Wilson is concerned she gets the wrong meds which strikes a chord in House. He gives Wilson Sam’s room number then goes to wake up Megan, pointing out that she’s been lying about everything, but her lies can’t account for the allergy. House realizes that Megan isn’t Megan: it’s her similarly-looking co-worker Liz, and Megan died. Ben mistakenly identified the surviving Liz as his dead girlfriend Megan. Ben and Mrs. Bradberry are left to mourn, while Cuddy points out that Cameron, Foreman, and Chase would have solved the case days ago. She insists he hire a team and starts interviewing a room full of applicants. . . while playing his recovered guitar.
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A pilot, Captain Greta Cooper, is flying in on an Air Force mission when she sees lightning and the landscape suddenly turns into strange colors on her. It turns out she's in a simulator and complains to the designer after crashing it.

House is busy tormenting his forty applicants when Cuddy tells him he'll have to narrow it down. House fires one row and storms out, and Cooper manages to page him and offers him $50,000 to secretly cure her problem, which she describes as seeing sounds. She wants to keep it off the books so NASA doesn't find out and disqualify her as an astronaut applicant. House is intrigued and agrees, and has her present her symptoms to his applicants. He then splits them up to run various tests... and wash his car. House meets with some of them but thinks he sees Chase walking past outside. He then orders Cooper into a hyperbolic chamber to flush out excess oxygen but she collapses with a heart attack. They try to defibrillate but it starts a fire in the oxygen chamber, setting off the sprinklers.

Later, they determine the attack wasn't caused by the treatment and House runs a differential. He then sends them to run tests and look for infectious substances in the cafeteria, and chats with Wilson, saying he saw Chase. Wilson confirms Chase is in the Mayo Clinic in Arizona, and suggests House is feeling repressed guilt. House isn't amused. Meanwhile, the oldest applicant, Henry, has one of the others do the tests.

The applicants check in with House who orders thyroid tests. One of them notices that Cooper is restricting them, and her temperature starts going up. They inadvertently reveal they broke into her house, and she starts hearing vision again while concerned that they're going to out her. Cooper panics and has a psychotic attack, locking herself in the chapel. They call House and he tries to get her out, but he's distracted by apparently seeing Cameron come in. Cooper bursts out and they give her a sedative, and Cuddy wants to know who Cooper is.

Cuddy goes to the applicants for answers and they have to admit they don't know much... until one of the applicants squeals. Cuddy insists that House document everything. After figuring out who squealed, House goes to the chalkboard and tries to figure out how to test Cooper without having to document them for Cuddy. House gives them an hour then goes to Wilson to find out...
why Cameron is there. Wilson confirms she’s in Arizona where her and Chase are engaged, and contends House is going to choose people he can’t stand. House picks up on the idea of stress and suggests that they stress Cooper’s liver. Finally, the last guy House tried to fire suggests they get her drunk... and use some of the other applicants as a control group, including House himself.

House recruits a Mormon applicant, who objects on a religious basis, and they argue back and forth. House takes a couple of drinks... and sees Foreman outside. House goes outside, while Cooper has breathing problems but refuses treatment. Cuddy interrupts House’s pursuit and wants to know why he’s ordered irrelevant tests, points out Foreman is working in New York, and notices he’s been drinking. He returns to the room to find they’ve taken her to the physical training room so they could give her oxygen off the records as part of a cardio-stress test. House determines she has lung cancer or tuberous sclerosis, and tries to order a biopsy. However, Cooper’s refuses and House tries to figure out a way to do it without scars. One of the applicants, Taub the plastic surgeon, proposes they suggest she undergo elective plastic surgery on her breasts so they have a reason for the scars.

They convince Cooper to undergo the surgery while Cuddy demands answers. However, House points out she’ll let him do it and is just going through the motions, and she trusts him to do what’s in Cooper’s best interests. She simply walks out.

Cooper undergoes surgery and they biopsy the lungs, finding cysts. Chase shows up to suggest a diagnosis, Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome. After removing the cysts, House confronts Wilson who admits he called Chase in, Foreman is still in New York, but Cameron has been working in E.R. for the last three weeks. House visits Cooper and says he called NASA and told them what was up, as she posed a risk.

That night, House confronts the applicants and starts dismissing some of them, and telling the others to come back the next day. He confronts Henry and observes he’s never been to med school. The man admits he worked at Columbia as an administrative assistant and audited all the classes, but never got a diploma. House offers him a position as assistant for now.

House then goes down to the E.R. where Cameron is, and reveals she’s been working there for three weeks and gave Cooper House’s pager number. House admits he lied and didn’t tell NASA, supposedly to keep her from crying and to make sure she stays safe. Cameron is skeptical and notes that he wasn’t willing to kill her dream. House just walks away.
A guy in a wheelchair, Stark, gets out of his van and with his helper dog goes to the local ice cream store. Stark passes out in the middle of a crosswalk and a woman driver narrowly avoids hitting him.

House presents the case to the remaining applicants and splits them up into two teams, men versus women. Amber wants to be on the men’s team but the men aren’t thrilled. The two teams pit off against each other while Amber goes to Cameron and tries to get some insight into House. While the teams compete over the patient, House visits a clinic patient, Almore, who pulls out a knife and tries to electrocute himself by sticking it into a socket. House goes to Cuddy and wonders about the knife-wielder, while she wonders if House knows what’s wrong with Stark.

In New York, Foreman runs a differential with his team and everything works out. Foreman seems...distracted. Meanwhile, House ponders the suicidal man’s case with Wilson, who tells him to talk to the patient.

Amber goes to the men’s team and admits they’re idiots so she can help them and get the smarter women out of the competition. They agree and she gives them a diagnosis that Cameron suggested: having bugs bite him. Stark starts to choke as his dog barks.

House meets with both teams for a differential and they suggest it relates to his trip to Thailand. The women’s team finally comes up with suggesting a stress test, while House penalizes the men’s team for wasting time doing tests and suggests one of them isn’t a doctor.

It turns out that Foreman’s team is wrong with their diagnosis, and he snaps at them briefly before considering the new symptoms of liver failure. House, meanwhile, goes back to his suicidal patient and the man admits he was in a car crash a week earlier and had a near-death experience during the 97 seconds he was dead. He insists it was the best 97 seconds of his life. House provides the clinical explanation but the patient asserts he’s done drugs and there actually something out there.

The men’s team wonder which one of them isn’t a doctor, while Amber insists they work out a differential and Henry suggests that he might have cancer that is putting pressure on the
esophagus and causing the symptoms. Amber slips underneath the camera, out the window, and through Wilson’s office.

The women’s team conclude they’ve cured the patient when he doesn’t react to the stress. Amber gets in and applies even more stress but nothing happens. One of the applicants, Thirteen, reports to House but he’s more interested in whatever it is she’s hiding. House then holds a Tribal Council to fire the men’s team, but Amber comes in and ran a CT scan, and reveals that Stark needs steroids. House says she’s wrong but comes up with the correct solution as it relates to his spinal problems and orders the women to administer treatment and release him.

Amber still believes her diagnosis was correct and goes to Chase, suggesting he help make House’s life miserable. Chase is impressed enough with her scheming that he agrees to run the tests Amber goes to test for the tumor. She takes a blood sample... and it’s green.

It’s back to differential with both teams and they determine his kidneys aren’t working. House goes into differential for real, since he agreed with the women team’s diagnosis but now they’re all wrong. They order a full range of tests and then House complains to Chase for running the tests for Amber. Chase dismisses him and even Cameron is impressed. They confirm that Stark now has pneumonia but House suspects cancer. Meanwhile, Foreman goes to his boss with their diagnosis of cancer but she thinks he’s projecting.

House plans to remove Stark’s eye and Cuddy suggests he do a biopsy, but House insists the surgery is necessary and that Stark has melanoma cancer. He takes Wilson along to explain that it is spreading through his system, but if they remove the eye which contains the tumor, it could delay the spread. Stark isn’t thrilled at the idea but wants to believe in a better place, but House derides his beliefs and says there’s no afterlife. Wilson is furious and House asserts he doesn’t need to die to know there’s no afterlife. He considers the patient’s knife, while Foreman considers his white board then sneaks the patient into treatment.

The applicants start draining fluid from Stark’s lungs but there’s no blood, indicating it’s not cancer. Amber gets a page from House and goes into his office just as he electrocutes himself using the knife and an electrical socket.

The applicants wonder why House tried to kill himself, but Wilson comes in and says that he was dead for nearly a minute but Amber managed to resuscitate him. House is still unconscious and Wilson has them go over the case. He then considers House as he finally wakes up and explains that he needed to know if there was an afterlife. House wants to talk to Almore... but he died several hours ago. House suggests Stark needs a stronger dosage but Wilson has already ordered it. Stark is having more trouble breathing and asks them to bring his dog over. He admits he isn’t scared... and then dies. Amber tells House that Stark is dead, but he insists on seeing the patient to make a diagnosis. She wonders why he called Amber and he claims that she’s the only one who would have wanted him to stay alive so they could get the job. House ducks answering.

House considers Stark’s corpse but notices that Stark’s dog is dead. House asks if Thirteen, who was administering the medicine, saw him take the pills. She doesn’t remember, but House realizes that Stark didn’t take the pills, but fed them to the dog. That way he could die peacefully instead of go through months of suffering.

Cuddy berates for trying to kill himself while his patient was dying. Meanwhile, Schaffer confronts Foreman on his patient, who is recovering. She isn’t happy with the fact he took a gamble and fires him.

Thirteen is considering Stark’s body when House comes to see her. He gives her a lecture... and refuses to fire her, figuring she won’t let it happen again. After she leaves, House thinks over his near-death experience... and tells Stark’s corpse that “I told you so.”
Guardian Angels

Season 4
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Season Episode: 4

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Writer: David Hoselton
Director: Deran Sarafian
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy)
Recurring Role: Anne Dudek (Amber), Peter Jacobson (Taub), Carmen Argenziano (Henry), Andy Comeau (Brennan), Edi Gathegi (Cole), Kal Penn (Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen)
Guest Stars: Azura Skye (Irene), Caroline Laferfelt (Connie), Scott Alan Smith (Dr. Brady), Kenneth White (Old Man), Jerry Hauck (Martin)
Production Code: HOU-404
Summary: House finds that some of his own fellowship students will do whatever it takes, when they deal with a woman who believes she can talk to the dead.

Irene is trimming hair for a corpse at a mortuary when she sees someone out of the corner of her eye. Turning, she sees a Hispanic man standing there, saying nothing. Then he grabs a pair of scissors and starts to cut open her blouse...but she sees his open skull. The dead man from the table gets up behind her. A couple of minutes later her boss Martin comes in and finds everything normal...except that Irene is having convulsions on the floor.

The fellowship applicants are waiting for House to show up and Amber tries to reassure Thirteen. House calls in with their new cases and splits them up to check out Irene and the mortuary. House mocks the Mormon applicant and Cameron makes a bet that he'll fight back: Meanwhile, Foreman is applying at a new hospital but the director knows about his disobeying orders at his last hospital, and notes that Foreman might have picked up some bad habits from House.

Back in differential, Cole is eager to get going and House concludes he has a child and has to leave. He then orders the applicants to dig up the dead man from the mortuary and do a brain biopsy. Later, Amber goes to Cuddy and asks for overtime, and Cuddy tells her to do what House wants her to do rather then find an excuse to get out of it.

At the cemetery, Amber arrives three hours late but with coffee and doughnuts. She starts talking to the mysterious Thirteen, who notes that House is intrigued by her since he can't figure her out. They open the coffin and get the body.

Cuddy quickly figures out what they were up to but doesn't want to know. The applicants run the tests and House finally arrives, but they've discovered nothing. Cole, Amber, and Thirteen are testing Irene, who is talking to her mother...until they realize there's no one there.

It's back to differential to analyze the new neurological symptoms, and another round of tests. Thirteen tries to comfort Irene, telling her that her mother is there, and Irene says there was a man in a wheelchair present: Stark, the man Thirteen inadvertently got killed.

Cuddy offers Foreman a job and a raise and he considers the offer. The applicants tell House about Irene's new vision but he's more interested in taunting Cole. Henry suggests they talk to the dead mother and House goes to Irene's room to ask her what her mother has to say. However, Irene is seeing a new older man: House's grandfather, who she can identify by name. House goes to see Wilson and notes he doesn't have a grandfather by that name. However, he's pretending to be spooked to convince Irene he believes in her delusions so he can "talk" to her mother. House
suspects Irene’s illness relates to how her mother died, and wants to see if Irene has the same symptoms. He then gets up and visits Irene, who confirms that her mother fell down several times and her hands shivered. House prescribes treatment for Parkinson’s based on the symptoms.

Cameron talks to Cole and suggests he fights back, noting that if he wants the job he'll have to get in House’s face. They try to administer the injection to Irene but she panics and sees them seemingly attacking her, stabbing her in the arm. She wakes up and Thirteen tries to reassure her, but Irene’s arm is actually bleeding.

It’s back to differential and Henry suggests retinal vasculitis, and House goes with it, then mocks Cole gain. Cameron defends Cole and House speculates that she wants to control him. Meanwhile, Foreman applies for another job and the man is impressed with Foreman’s rebellion, but can’t get him past the board of directors.

They test Irene’s eyes as the patient still talks about Stark. Her and Amber are both surprised when they find a dog collar like the one Stark’s pet had. Irene starts vomiting blood and goes into surgery where Cole works on her with Chase. Chase notes House will probably fire Cole either way but can’t say anything more because House is watching. They discover that Irene’s spleen is necrotic, and she’s dying from the inside out.

In differential, they go over the symptoms and Taub is disagreeing with Henry over his lack of credentials. When House goes with Henry’s ideas again, Taub wonders if House is feeding him ideas. Meanwhile, Cole and Brennan administer an angiogram and she starts groping Cole and convulsing. Having confirmed it’s not vascular, House goes after Cole again until he finally slugs House. Amber finally figures out what she has: ergot poisoning, obtained from eating untreated rye bread. It causes hallucinations and blood vessel constriction, causing the necrosis. They give her the medicine and Irene realizes her mother isn't there and the treatment is working.

Back in the classroom, House arrives to fire one of them. He keeps Amber, having realized she planted the dog collar to toy with Thirteen. He keeps Thirteen and Cole as well, then Kutner and Brennan. Finally he fires... Henry, realizing he doesn’t need Henry who knows what he’s thinking.

Cameron collects her on her bet and notes that she’ll be protecting someone else. Foreman meets with Cuddy and takes the job in return for a raise, an office, and a personal assistant. She tells him to come back at his original salary, knowing that he’s been blackballed and he’s got nowhere else to go. Foreman has no choice but to accept.
Mirror, Mirror

Season 4
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Season Episode: 5

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Director: David Platt
Show Stars: Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman)
Recurring Role: Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Edi Gathegi (Cole), Peter Jacobson (Taub), Andy Comeau (Brennan), Anne Dudek (Amber), Kal Penn (Kutner), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Frank Whaley (Robert Elliott), Brendan Michael Coughlin (Mickey), Luke Baybak (Tony)
Production Code: HOU-405
Summary: House deals with a patient who mirrors the personality of anyone he meets. Meanwhile, Foreman is put in charge of overseeing the fellowship candidates.

Two teenagers are preparing to mug a man as he comes out of a bar. They approach him but he snaps at them. When one of them puts a knife to his throat, he starts coughing. One runs off and the other one stops to call 911.

House is running a differential on the mystery man with his fellowship applicants when Cuddy brings in Foreman and announces he’ll be supervising the group. House is less than thrilled and orders exercise test to invoke Mr. X's breathing problems again, then threatens to humiliate Foreman until he quits again. The applicants discover that Chase is running a pool on which of them will drop out next. Mr. X has stomach pains and foot tingling on the treadmill, then collapses. House disrupts Foreman's attempts to run differential with the fellowship applicants but then they get word Mr. X has collapsed. Foreman realizes that Mr. X is emulating the symptoms of the patients around him, and House believes he has Mirror Syndrome, mirroring the characteristics and symptoms of anyone he sees.

To test his theory, House takes the patient into the operating room where Wilson is performing surgery. As Wilson starts to berate House for giving Foreman a hard time, Mr. X starts doing the same thing, then tries to operate. House pulls off the man's glove and realizes the man's blood is coagulating in his veins.

House still needs to find the cause of the man’s primary problem and checks for infection. He then tries to get everyone out of the cafeteria with a mayonnaise panic over Foreman's objections to annoy Cuddy, and sends them to check Mr. X's car keys. House sends Cole to check them out and Thirteen volunteers to go with him. Amber and Taub administer tests and Mr. X mirrors their personalities, echoing Amber’s insecurities and Taub’s attractiveness toward her. Taub finds a lesion on the liver and House goes to Wilson, who reveals he has been reading up on Mirror Syndrome. They tend to echo authority figures, and Wilson is amused that Mr. X mirrored him. House finds that Cuddy has all of his applicants in the clinic and House tries to run a differential. He then orders complete testing for all the uninsured patients.

Brennan runs a test on Mr. X and discovers he has a black pus that may be fungus-related, while the patient notes he’s unhappy there. Brennan goes to House to resign but House convinces him not to. Mr. X’s blood continues to coagulate and they immerse him in hot water and go back to differential. House calls to get an accurate history and talks to Cole and Thirteen, who are breaking into the impound lot where Mr. X's car is held. While they drug the guard dogs, House sends the others out... all ignoring Foreman except Taub, who notes that Cuddy will give in first.
Foreman talks to Cameron who notes that he’s always been happy working with House no matter how much he objects. Meanwhile, Mr. X mirrors Kutner’s desires for thrills, and Wilson goes to Cuddy who is planning to get revenge on House with the use of a laxative substituted for his Vicodin. Wilson suggests she make House think he’s won, but it’s too late as House emerges from the restroom. Kutner warns that Mr. X’s rash is back and the hot water is working, but House has to head back to the restroom and spars with Foreman. House then decides to induce a fever to keep the symptoms in check, and Cuddy agrees. House is suspicious of how easily she gave in and warns that he isn’t giving in... and she might want to keep an eye on her birth control pills.

Foreman gives Mr. X a fever but he has a heart attack and they get him out of the tub. They dry him off barely in time as Kutner administers defib and shocks himself unconscious. House is interested in why Kutner is interested in suffering pain, and Foreman suggests they do a biopsy on his heart. When they point out it won’t work, Foreman suggests they biopsy his toe. House draws him off to the side to tell him he’s found Foreman a job since nobody’s going to back down. Foreman turns down the offer and seems happy at the thought of staying.

Cole and Thirteen have found Mr. X’s car and have a name, Robert Elliott, but they don’t have enough time to track down his history. House wants to know why Thirteen volunteered and suggests she didn’t want to have Mr. X mirror her. He gets Foreman out of the room and has Thirteen meet with the patient. Robert says she’s incredibly hot, mirroring House. House steps outside while Thirteen runs the test and Robert admits he’s scared. She comes out and House wants to know how he reacted. House agrees with Kutner’s suggestion to immerse him in hot water again, but then picks up on the fact that Kutner doesn’t like hot tubs. House realizes that Robert reacted on his own to the hot water.

House then goes into the room dressed in Robert’s clothing and claims to be him, and Robert responds to him. House then goes over the restaurants he’s visited and the fact he has a tube of vaporub. Robert puts it under his nostrils and says it covers the smell of dung. House tells the others that Robert sells farm equipment and got an infection from pig manure. Foreman suggests they wait 15 minutes and have Cuddy and House meet with Robert at the same time to see which one is the dominant personality. Robert tells both of them to shut up... then starts mirroring House.

House meets with all of the applicants and declares it a tie, firing none of them. Foreman notices it was nice of House and Chase won all the money. It turns out House split the money with Chase and bribes Foreman with letting him stay so he doesn’t reveal what was going on. House then notes that everyone reacted to Robert but no one changed... except Foreman.
At a drag race track, a female driver, Casey, starts her engines and heads down the strip. Things start to slow down in her vision and hearing and she lets go of the accelerator but still wins the race. When she’s talking to the interviewer afterward, everything starts to slow down again and she collapses.

House is meeting with the fellowship applicants to determine the case for today, but he already has one chosen, Casey the driver. Foreman believes it’s heat stroke but they’re interrupted when a suited man comes in and identifies himself as a CIA agent. He asks House to accompany him to help with a patient who is the victim of an assassination attempt. House agrees and leaves Foreman to supervise Casey’s treatment. Foreman insists that she’s suffering from heatstroke... until she has a seizure, confirming Miller-Fisher. Casey doesn’t believe him when he orders treatment and wants to see House, but she gets a fever and passes out, which isn’t a symptom of Miller-Fisher.

House meets with the attending CIA physician, Samira Terzi, as well as another physician from the Mayo, Dr. Curtis, who has also been brought in. They go to see the mystery patient, "John," who is covered in radiation burns. Curtis notes from the report that John ate a lot of chestnuts but House's dismisses it.

Foreman and the fellowship try to come to a diagnosis with House incommunicado, and they want to run tests. Foreman gives them three hours to come up with something.

Dr. Curtis doesn’t have much luck with a diagnosis and Terzi can’t tell them where John was operating out of. She finally tells them he was in Bolivia for eleven months. House figures he has pancreatitis from a fungal infection brought on by alcohol consumption. Terzi goes with Curtis’ diagnosis of radiation poisoning while House still pushes for his alcoholism theory.

The fellowship run the tests and it appears to be either lupus or MS. Foreman orders the treatment for MS, overriding Taub and Amber’s belief that it’s lupus. They go to Cameron for support and she suggests they go behind Foreman’s back. They administer steroid treatment for MS as well, but Casey’s legs go numb.

House is waiting for John to recover and reveals that he took the man off the treatment, but John has gone into a coma.
Foreman and the fellowship go back to differential but Foreman isn’t thrilled that they gave her steroids, since now they don’t know what caused the paralysis. He’s even less thrilled that they went to Cameron, and warns them that their tactics won’t work except for House. They figure it’s botulism but then Brennan suggests its polio, recognizing the symptoms from his time in Africa. Foreman tells him to leave and goes with the tests for botulism.

Curtis is dismayed with House’s actions but House notes that John still has his hair which would fall out from radiation poisoning. Terzi goes with House’s diagnosis of blood cancer and orders plasma treatment and chemotherapy.

Foreman confronts Cameron then moves her patient without telling her. Chase is amused with the whole thing and points out that she should stay out of House’s business and House’s team.

Terzi suggests that they consult with an oncologist for John’s chemotherapy and House calls up Wilson to get a consult. House then offers her a position on his staff but she knows about what he’s been doing with his fellowship. Wilson prescribes the proper treatment once he confirms House is telling the truth about being with the CIA.

Casey is getting worse and her pit boss Lou is leery of Foreman given his past screw ups. Brennan interrupts to reveal that he tested Casey for polio and she showed positive. Meanwhile, Wilson forgets the number to the CIA when Cuddy wants to know where House is, and Wilson ends up with extra clinic time.

House goes to visit John, whose hair is falling out too quickly for the chemotherapy to account for. House now believes someone is trying to kill John, but Curtis warns that it’s too late to begin radiation treatment. House suggests that they try an experimental herbal treatment that mitigates bone marrow damage from radiation... and it’s only been tested on monkeys.

Foreman admits he’s wrong and Brennan suggests they give her high doses of vitamin c treatment. Foreman reluctantly agrees although he’s still leery.

House prepares the herbal treatment in tea and gives it to John, while Lou agrees to the treatment for Casey. Meanwhile, John talks to House about having spent 40 days with a woman in Bolivia who did the “devil dance.” When House realizes that Carnival in Bolivia is only eight days, and he goes back to Terzi and figures that John was in Brazil, not Bolivia. It’s a major issue because they mistranslated “chestnuts” as “Brazil nuts,” and Brazil nuts have large doses of selenium that cause all of John’s symptoms. The treatment is the same as chemotherapy so it’s already underway.

They continue to give Casey treatment and it starts to work. House heads out, flirting with Dr. Terzi all the way. Curtis is disgusted with House’s tactics but Terzi is impressed, even if she doesn’t accept House’s job offer.

Cameron comes to see Foreman and admits she misses people doing whatever it takes to get the job done, and she’s having trouble giving it up. She apologizes for messing with Foreman’s patient but he admits he screwed up.

House returns to meet with the fellowship and they’re equally skeptical of each other’s stories... until Foreman reveals that Casey may have had a relapse but has tested negative for polio. House realizes that Brennan poisoned her and faked the lab test to make it appear she had polio so that researchers would pursue the cure of vitamin c for polio. House tells him to quit and Brennan leaves... and then House has Foreman call the cops. House figures it was heatstroke all along, and tells them they should have listened to Foreman the entire time.

House prepares to leave and Cuddy wants to know where he was. She insists he either confirm the story or do eight hours of clinic time. He lies about treating a rich patient... and she forgives him for his honesty. Then she realizes how unlikely that was and has him do his hours and Wilson’s. House goes outside and finds Dr. Terzi waiting for him to take the job.
A father arrives with his son Kenny, but a girl catches a glimpse of the boy and screams in terror. The boy Kenny is facially deformed and he’s scheduled for a 10-hour procedure to fix his disfigurement. A documentary team is following them as Kenny goes into surgery conducted by Chase. As the surgery proceeds, Kenny has a heart attack as the documentary team looks on.

Cuddy agrees to let the documentary team film House as he checks out Kenny’s case, and House reluctantly agrees. He then takes the fellows to the MRI room for a private meeting away from the documentarian, but the fellows are more interested in why Dr. Terzi is now on staff, and how that affects their own chances. They run a differential but House concludes he’s huffing freon and orders a study to determine if there’s scarring of the heart. Once she’s alone with House, Terzi wants to know if his offer is real and he reassures her it is. He then goes to Wilson and wonders if Terzi is any good, and is reluctant to fire her. Wilson is surprised that House is displaying something resembling guilt.

Kenny’s father is skeptical about the freon-huffing theory, while Kutner tries to reassure Kenny while testing. There’s no signs of heart scarring but Kenny has noted he has headaches. Meanwhile, Cuddy is trying to explain to the documentary team why House is ducking them. House dismisses the fellows’ theory and orders them to have Kenny’s heart stopped. Taub prepares to stop Kenny’s heart to confirm House’s drug diagnosis while Cuddy gripes to House.

Kenny hedges on whether he did drugs and finally lies, badly, that he does. Taub calls off the tests since it’s clear Kenny isn’t using drugs, but Kenny starts coughing up blood.

It’s back to differential while the documentary team tries to get it all on film, getting on the way. Terzi tosses out a theory and House agrees, but Foreman is skeptical and House concedes her theory isn’t good. Cole finally comes up with a theory relating to tumors for the intracranial pressure and Taub disagrees, but keeps quiet since he figures House would undercut him on film and ruin his chances for future employment.

The documentary team interview Wilson, who stumbles over House’s background issues until House puts them back on the case. He then wonders out loud to Wilson about how Terzi is making him stupid, but they’re interrupted when Kenny starts vomiting blood again. The bleeding is worse and House concedes he was wrong. Nobody speaks up because of the camera crew until Terzi comes up with a new theory. House finally lets them go ahead and test it.
The documentary team goes after Cameron as she examines a patient, and Cameron defends House even though she left his team. She stammers through "loving" being around House. Meanwhile, Amber and Taub test Kenny and detect swelling but argue over House’s suggested treatment for juvenile rheumatoid. Taub sticks by his treatment recommendation and goes to Kenny’s father. He argues that House is wrong and the father should refuse House’s treatment suggestion of steroids.

The father goes with Taub’s recommendation and House fires Taub for going behind his back, but Cuddy tells him to stay until the case is resolved and the camera team is gone. The father now trusts Taub, who starts testing. Meanwhile, House goes to Taub’s former boss who refuses to explain why Taub quit and quickly realizes what House is up to when he tries to get the information by claiming to want plastic surgery.

Taub believes his CT test proves positive but House still disagrees and reveals he spoke to Taub’s wife. Taub admits he had an affair and had to resign when his partners found out. Cuddy goes with House’s theory and orders his treatment. House talks to Kenny and his father, and admits he isn’t concerned about making Kenny looking normal but just making sure he lives. Kenny admits that he can’t have a normal relationship with anyone, including his father. House points out the surgery won’t change who Kenny is.

Later, House and Wilson sneak into the room where the documentary team are set up and review the tapes of the differential. House confirms that Terzi seems to have him befuddled, much to Wilson’s amusement. Meanwhile, Cameron practices trying to qualify her “love” statement about House while Chase looks on.

Taub is giving over the tests again and tries to get House to confirm the lesion. House agrees but Taub backs down. They give Kenny the news but House notices Kenny’s little finger is twitching and has to admit it’s a new symptom and he still doesn’t know what Kenny has.

It’s back to differential but Taub suggests that House doesn’t want Kenny cured because then the boy won’t be “normal” and House doesn’t want anyone to be normal. House ignores him but Taub suggests they remove the pacing wire. House agrees but has Kutner ready with the defib paddles. The father agrees and Taub removes the wire: Kenny is fine and they take him to remove the cyst.

House isn’t convinced and keeps examining the facts while they begin the surgery. Thirteen isn’t convinced and prepares to watch the surgery. She notices a discoloration around his hairline. Wilson confronts House about how he hires attractive women and dates the ones he fires. Thirteen comes in and informs him that the discoloration indicates lyme disease hidden in his hairline, where no one ever looked closely enough because of his face. They shave Kenny’s head and confirm he has the disease.

House talks to the documentary team and dodges the question of his feelings about Cuddy interfering with his team. He then goes to the fellows and confronts Taub, noting he signed a non-compete with his former partners so they wouldn’t reveal his affair. House is impressed Taub stood up to him even though it would have cost him any chance of work. He then confronts Terzi and admits he’s treated her unfairly and then fires her and asks her for a date. She stalks out without a word.

The documentary team ends up making House look like a warm caring being. He stalks off while Cuddy watches the tape with Kenny thanking House for helping him.
Summary: House treats a magician but comes to believe he’s faking illness to cover up his own incompetence. Meanwhile, House pits the fellows against each other in his version of an immunity challenge.

Magician Flynn is performing as Kutner and Cole watch from the audience. Kutner eagerly volunteers but Cole gets chosen. Flynn has Cole check his water tank illusion and is then lowered upside-down into the water. Flynn starts bleeding from the mouth and passes out, and Cole and Kutner quickly get him out.

Kutner is concerned about Flynn but House believes that Flynn screwed the trick up and claimed to have a heart attack. House is more interested in presenting the fellows with a challenge: the winner gets immunity and gets to pick two of the others, and House will fire one. House then reveals the challenge: they have to bring him Cuddy’s thong.

Kutner is more interested in finding out what’s wrong with Flynn, and House says he’ll fire him if there’s nothing wrong. Kutner’s initial tests prove negative, while Amber and Taub both scheme to get Cuddy’s thong... and stop each other. Foreman reluctantly helps Kutner, but when he puts Flynn into the MRI chamber, he suffers from internal bleeding. Kutner is satisfied his theory has proven out and they give him a transfusion. Taub and Amber try passing off Amber’s thong as Cuddy’s, but House doesn’t buy it. Instead, he takes Kutner with him to the operating room where Flynn is in surgery. House finds a key in his intestines, the key for the escape, and the MRI magnet pulled it through his intestines.

House confronts Flynn and claims he’s a hack magician, but Flynn insists he didn’t screw up the trick, and does a card trick to convince House he knows what he’s doing. However, he starts bleeding again and House seriously takes the matter under consideration. House puts the thong contest on hold but Cole reveals he apparently succeeded. House sends them to run tests and looks for drugs at Flynn’s house, but asks to see Thirteen in his office. He noticed her acting clumsy earlier then overreacting and wants to know why. He thinks she’s hiding a medical condition but Thirteen denies it.

Taub and Kutner search Flynn’s house and finds rabbits, which suggests tularemia, while House asks Flynn how he did the trick. When he refuses, House cuts off his oxygen tube as a magic trick and Flynn responds by pick pocketing his Vicodin. House displays a little diagnostic magic of his own and insists Flynn has caught tularemia from his rabbits. Out in the hall, he drops his bottle to get Cuddy to bend over, confirming she isn’t wearing a thong. Cole refuses to tell how he did it, much to House’s irritation, while Flynn passes out during testing due to bleeding near the heart. They suspect cancer and House tell them to test while watching Thirteen. Cole prepares to test him but Flynn says that he will die within 24 hours. Amber tries to negotiate
with Cole for immunity but he’s more interested in the scan and spots more bleeding in Flynn’s kidney and thigh.

Back in differential, Kutner suggests tainted blood but Foreman comes up with is amyloidosis while Flynn has another seizure. Kutner is more interested in trying to get Cole to give him immunity, and Flynn has another seizure as his kidneys shutdown. Meanwhile, House is playing foosball with Wilson, who is wondering what House is up to with his thong stealing. Kutner believe the kidney shutdown indicates tainted blood, but House says Flynn needs bone marrow treatment to counter the amyloidosis. However, it could lower his immune system and kill him if he has an infection, so House gives them two hours to test. Taub tries to bribe Cole with $5,000 while House orders them to test for amyloidosis. Foreman vetoes him so House suspects the blood was tainted and offers to receive some.

Thirteen gives him a transfusion and House has figured out her mother died after a long bout with Huntington’s Chorea. Thirteen believes she has the same thing but House reveals he substituted regular coffee for her decaf to give her the tremors. He wonders why she didn’t get a test but she notices he has a fever.

The fellows want to test House since they can’t do a biopsy on Flynn, but House insists he isn’t sick. He starts to pass out and realizes his coffee was spiked, and the fellows do the biopsy on him. When House wakes up he figures out that Thirteen drugged him, and steals a sample of her saliva from her water bottle. The biopsy results prove negative so Foreman orders irradiation treatment and Wilson questions House’s motive while discussing blood types. House realizes something is up and goes to confront Flynn and tries to get him to explain the trick. House determines he has Type A blood and explains to the fellows that he’s reacting to the wrong blood type. They tested his blood only for antibodies, not type, and Flynn’s body is making Type B antibodies, which made him Type AB. The disease that causes Type B antibodies: lupus. They flush his system and give him Type A blood and he’s fine.

Finally they get to the immunity ceremony and Cole selects Kutner and Amber. House is surprised that he picked Kutner until he figures that Cuddy made a deal so Cole would pick who she wanted and eliminate a liability. House fires Cole for supporting Cuddy rather than subverting her. He then gets back the test results from Thirteen for Huntington’s, but she’d doesn’t want to know and would rather have hope. She figures that House keeps asking questions so he always has hope.
A punk rocker, Ian, is hanging out in an alley with his band and grabs his friend’s new guitar... and wrecks it. The guy hits him with it but they’re called in to the club. The rest of the band goes in, but Ian starts coughing up blood and then collapses.

House is watching his soap opera when Cuddy comes in and demands an answer on which two fellows House is selecting for his team. When he refuses to choose, she threatens to make him pay for them... and take away his parking spot. House tries to find a patient with Cameron and ends up seizing on Ian, who has all the symptoms of a drug addict. House suspects some underlying disease and brings it to the fellows. He also notes the fellow who solves the case will be hired, and he’ll use arbitrary points to decide the second selection. The fellows immediately start coming up with differentials but Foreman notes that Ian will only withstand one test at a time. House goes with Amber’s differential and orders her to test.

House visits with Wilson who reveals he misdiagnosed a patient, Mr. McKenna, who as it turns out doesn’t have cancer. Ian goes into the bathroom to take Amber’s test while she waits outside, and Thirteen notes that he’ll probably smoke in private... and has an oxygen tank. They’re interrupted by an explosion.

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House meets with the fellows while hiding from Foreman, who still insists Ian is simply suffering from drug addiction. Thirteen lashes into Amber who wants a new series of tests. Chase finds Foreman, who is staying close to the patient to try and find the team. When Ian starts thrashing about, Foreman goes in and reveals Ian has covered himself with nicotine patches. Taub notices blood clots in Ian’s fingertips, proving Amber correct.

It’s back to differential and Thirteen suggests malaria. House goes with her theory but notes that she isn’t happy with Ian and his drug addiction and tries to pin her down. Thirteen admits she wants to win and be happy, but House figures she isn’t happy that Ian is happy despite his condition. Meanwhile, Taub is picking up Vicodin for House and admits to Thirteen that he isn’t interested in Ian, but just in winning. They arrive at Ian’s room and discover that he’s gone.
House is in Wilson's office listening to Ian's old record, and notes that Wilson has a blank liability form and his checkbook ready. It turns out that a guilty Wilson is going to pay McKenna the money he spent. Taub and Thirteen come in to reveal they lost the patient, so House sends Taub to find Ian while wanting to know why Thirteen is trying to help Ian. He still doesn't believe her explanation that she just wants to help people.

Taub and Thirteen track Ian down to Pediatrics where he's entertaining the children... and then collapses. Cuddy goes to confront House and he asks her advice, much to her surprise. She recommends Taub and Kutner, and the fellows report he doesn't have malaria but does have bad blood fragments. House talks to Ian's bandmates and figures out Ian has been sharing needles—and blood—with one of his friends, explaining the blood fragments. Ian falls out of his bed with respiratory failure.

It's back to differential and House now goes with Kutner's diagnosis, but Amber calls him on it that he simply wants an excuse to run tests so he can come up with a real diagnosis. House is impressed, then confronts Ian and wants to know why he doesn't try at anything, and Ian admits most people shrug and disregard him. House finds some unusual lumps near Ian's heart but Ian seems more intent on House liking his music then trying to save him.

Wilson tries to pay off McKenna who rips up the check and insists that Wilson owes him much more, and plans on suing him for giving him happiness and taking it away.

House meets with Kutner and Taub for differential and Taub suggests a MRA to see if a blood vessel wrapped around his trachea. However, he's not sure how to hold Ian still so they go to Chase... and House asks him who he should hire. Taub manages to convince Chase to do surgery so they can see Ian's heart directly... by blackmailing him into doing it, noting if he refuses it'll look like he's trying to get revenge on House for firing him. Chase recommends House hire Taub and Amber, then goes ahead with the surgery but Ian goes into respiratory shutdown.

It's back to differential but Foreman thinks that House is still more interested in the game then finding a cure. House fires Kutner and Thirteen, who start tossing out theories and end up with a contaminated drug theory and possible heavy metal poisoning. House's attempt to provoke them is successful and he withdraws the firings. Amber tends to Ian who thinks she's unhappy and refuses to give up his dealer's name.

Wilson goes to see House, who is listening to Ian's music, and House tries to get Wilson to stand up for himself against McKenna. Wilson thinks House is trying to control everything and is trying to avoid pain. Kutner comes in and reveals that Ian works with abandoned kids. House finally fires all the fellows... then has an idea. He goes to Cuddy to ask for a brain biopsy and notes that all four fellows' theories contributed to the solution, even though they were wrong. Ian was exposed to measles and his immune system was destroyed by drugs. The virus is in Ian's brain but Cuddy needs neurological symptoms before she orders the biopsy. Amber notes Ian swallows constantly and Cuddy authorizes the treatment if they can stimulate a seizure. House uses Ian's music to set off a seizure and they go ahead with steroid treatment.

Later in the lecture hall, House meets with the fellows. He starts with Amber, noting she has to be willing to lose sometimes. He then fires Thirteen, noting he'd keep her if he had a third slot. That leaves him with Taub and Kutner.

Amber goes to see Ian, and admits she's trying not to care. Ian admits it's not easy.

Cuddy talks to House and says she recommended Kutner and Taub thinking he wouldn't hire them, and he needs to hire a woman. She tells him to hire Thirteen as well... and then realizes that's what he wanted all along.
It’s A Wonderful Lie

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Recurring Role: Kal Penn (Kutner), Peter Jacobson (Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Janel Moloney (Maggie), Liana Liberato (Jane), Cheyenne Wilbur (Minister), Scotty Maguire (Bystander), Jennifer Hall (Melanie), Anthony Starke (Roger)
Production Code: HOU-410
Summary: A mother’s sudden paralysis during a indoor rock-climbing incident leaves her daughter injured, and House’s new team looking for a cure. Meanwhile, House organizes his new recruits’ Secret Santa gift exchange... with a few twists of his own.

It’s the holiday season and at a rock wall-climbing, a daughter Jane is ascending the wall as her mother Maggie encourages her. She slips and hangs, but Maggie’s hands are paralyzed and she loses her grip on the safety line, causing Jane to fall and break her arm.

House’s new team go over Maggie’s case but House is less then thrilled that Kutner has put up Christmas decorations. Maggie has had breast surgery and Taub suspects they didn’t get all of the cancerous cells. House suspects Maggie is a liar, but her record shows that she doesn’t lie to people. He then talks to Jane, who confirms that her mother tells her everything and they don’t lie to each other. House is shocked, believing everyone lies, and sends Taub and Foreman to talk to her last sexual partner, Roger. They trick him into revealing he gave her E to relax.

House sees a woman with a throat problem, Melanie, and talks about St. Nicolas while determining she has strep. He determines she’s a prostitute but she comes on to him. Taub reports in to let them know they’re testing the drug and Maggie’s blood. However, she goes blind as Kutner runs drug tests.

On Cuddy’s orders, House prepares the Secret Santa and amuses himself by watching their reactions. The E tests proves negative so he sends thirteen and Kutner to break into Maggie’s house and computer, while Taub and Foreman run more tests to check for vascular problems suggesting angiogram and talk to her about her honesty. Wilson wonders why House is doing the Secret Santa and he explains about his theory on gift-giving pissing people off.

Kutner and Thirteen return, with Thirteen eager to prove House wrong. House goes over their computer while Foreman suggests she might have psych problems leading to a lack of inhibitions and excessive honesty. House wonders why Thirteen is protecting Maggie, figuring she’s still lying about her own personal problems that House hasn’t identified. They then go to Jane to convince her to lie to her mother about a placebo treatment they’re giving her. Jane admits she knows how to lie... but won’t lie to her mother. Taub prepares the “treatment” and they keep Jane away from her. The team figures out that House gave them all his name, while Taub monitors Maggie whose lymph nodes expand and cut off her airway.

They open up her airways with alcohol and conclude it isn’t psychological, while Kutner notices House has a present on his desk. He concludes Maggie has sarciodosis when he notices she sold her Stairmaster and canceled a hiking trip, going through her e-mails. House opens his
present, a Blackberry. The team wonders who got House a present... while House returns it to Wilson, who he stole it from. Maggie tests negative for sarcoidosis but she starts bleeding out of the eyes. It’s back to differential as they determine her platelets are breaking down. Kutner then notes that House is his Secret Santa and wonders who got House the present... and gives House a present as well.

Melanie comes back to visit House and reveals she has a rash on her neck. He determines she does a "donkey show" and gives her a prescription, and she offers him a ticket to her show. Meanwhile, Chase and Foreman prepare to drill into Maggie’s skull but discover that the bone is harder then the drill. The team thinks Kutner ruined the test, but he defends himself. They run blood tests for the only thing that causes hardening of the skeleton that is curable: if it’s positive, she’ll need a bone marrow transplant. They prepare to test Jane for a match, although Maggie objects due to the risk and insists they find someone else to take the risk. Later, Taub reports to House they found a donor and gives House a present, but thirteen reports the test proved negative so no donor is necessary. She then gives House his present from her, then refuses to get mad at Kutner to irritate House. Jane comes in and insists they test her marrow.

House talks to Maggie and tells her to give Jane one last present: the truth. House figures Maggie refused to do the donor test because Jane isn’t really her mother. Maggie finally admits to House she adopted Jane from a drug addict and promised never to say. However, when Jane comes in she finally refuses to tell her adopted daughter the truth... and Jane tells her the truth, that she’s dying.

House goes out past the hospital party but runs into Wilson and admits he was impressed with the truth telling. Getting an idea, House meets with his team while he carols, and tells them to give Maggie an anti-psychotic. House explains that a bit of her breast cancer detached and got into her bloodstream, and the anti-psychotic will cause it to swell. He finds the swelling on the back of her knee: they can cut out the tumor and put her on chemo to cure her.

Later everyone gathers for the staff party... except House, who walks out, alone. He then goes to church where Melanie is performing as the prostitute Mary in a nativity scene, riding a donkey.
Seth, a research technician at the Antarctic, is working on the wind generators when a blade comes loose and cut his leg. His associate, psychiatrist Cate Milton, renders emergency first aid and manages to stop the bleeding...but then collapses, vomiting and in pain.

Cuddy finds House trying to get cable in a patient’s room, and tells him that they’re now charging patients for cable as a budget-cutting measure. She informs him that he’s been assigned to Milton’s case and he’s intrigued by the fact she’s trapped at the South Pole. There’s no way to evacuate her or fly anything in or out. Kuttner suggests a struvite kidney stone, and Taub notes lots of sex could lead to a struvite kidney stone. The medical supplies at the base are limited but Kuttner suggests they use a geological sonic device to break apart the stone.

House goes to Cameron who is on the budget committee and threatens to start destroying medical supplies until she convinces them to give him cable. They prepare to have Cate test the sonic device on an egg but House sends the newbies to check up Cameron and find a mistake so he can blackmail her into giving him cable. They take off and House and Foreman watch as the egg blows up. Cate disputes House’s theories and stands up to him, impressing House. They have her test for kidney failure while the newbies go to Cameron and tell her that House is having them spy on her, so she might as well give in now.

They confirm Cate’s kidney is declining but she refuses to accept House’s interpretation and insists on doing another test in an hour. House realizes she’s not taking the medication, and Cate insists they have only a limited supply of medication that she doesn’t want to waste. She starts to go into heavy breathing and they realize that her lung is collapsing. They direct her to puncture her lung with a syringe and reinflate it, but it also proves it isn’t a kidney stone. House does differential with Cate and Foreman suspects cancer and discusses it privately with House. House goes ahead and tells her anyway, saying it’s probably in her abdomen but they have no way to stain or analyze it. They have her start with x-rays while House expresses his disgust with her caring ways to Wilson, who figures House doesn’t like her because she’s a psychiatrist. Wilson warns that they can’t do a biopsy but House suggests she use whatever she can to do the stain. House notices Wilson wearing a lavender shirt and agreeing with him, and figure he’s happy because he’s with someone.

House goes home to watch Cate do the exam to find possible nodes. She asks to see his house before she strips and when he does so she starts to psychoanalyze him, noting his lack of photos and fiction books. Meanwhile, Wilson and Foreman try to come up with a workable stain and Wilson figures Cate is the perfect woman for House: she’s traveled to the ends of the Earth and has a mysterious disease.

Cate strips down to her socks, insisting it’s too cold to remove them. She then starts inspecting for hardened lymph nodes while House puts on Marvin Gaye and makes suggestive comments.
He spots a hardened node in her abdomen and figure that’s the target for a biopsy. She numbs the site with ice and under Wilson’s direction, injects a syringe in to take a sample. Wilson is surprised that House uses her name and asks her okay, something he never does with a patient. Wilson figures House was intimate with her somehow and notices House is following him out to lunch. House figures Wilson is going to see his new girlfriend and Wilson is forced to make a run for it. Cameron asks House to call off his newbies because they’re spying on her and disrupting her work. She resigns from the budget committee so she has no influence, but smirks as she walks away. House the newbies to step it up by giving them posters with Cameron’s number advertising puppies, and saying to call between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. House figures if she resigned, she can unresign. The newbies reluctantly go along with House’s plan to sabotage Cameron so he can blackmail her, and he tells them not to tell Cameron what they’re doing.

Wilson talks Cate through staining the sample and she reveals she’s been checking up on Wilson and discovered he’s perfect. She wonders how he House’s best friend and suspects Wilson isn’t as nice as he seems. Wilson concludes she doesn’t have cancer, but then Cate’s other kidney on the left side starts to shut down.

Back at home, House is working pants free and video-conferencing with Cate, telling her the diagnosis is now auto-immune, and needs prednisone for treatment. Cate refuses to use up the limited medication and insists on proof that it’s auto-immune. Foreman suggests they send her outside since extreme cold has been used as a treatment to auto-immune. House isn’t thrilled at Cate freezing to death, and Foreman wonders if he cares about Cate. House tries to come up with a way to discover if she has auto-immune, and Wilson suggest using a paperclip. She puts it in a tube with some of her blood, damaging the cells, and the disease will gorge itself on them. Cate notes that House keeps hanging out with Wilson to get the same advice she’s giving him, and notes that he’s been hanging out with her more then his other patients.

Cuddy asks House about Cate and then says she had to fire Cameron for screwing up. House readily gives in without protesting and then tells the concerned Foreman that Cuddy is lying and is working with the newbies to convince House he’s wrong about cable. They call Cate who reports the test is negative and refuses to take the prednisone, but Foreman tries to sell his freezing diagnosis. Cate prepares to go outside but collapses.

They have the base staff give her prednisone but she’s still in a coma. House is still trying to figure out who Wilson’s girlfriend is, concluding it’s someone he knows. House comes up with another diagnosis technique: technician Sean must test her urine to determine how strong it is. When Sean goes along, House figures he’s in love with Cate. He then goes to the newbies and accuses them of getting Cameron fired. They admit Cameron wasn’t fired but House already knows that. They try to figure out what he wants them to say, until Thirteen snaps and refuses to play House’s game. He notes that’s the right answer, and they should have said it two days ago instead of playing games with her. When Kuttner refuses to pay for his cable, House points out that’s not what he wants to them to stand up to him on.

Sean drinks the urine and says it’s watery, which indicates brain damage. They either have to drill a hole in Cate’s skull to relieve the pressure, or it’s something else they can’t do anything for. Relieving the pressure will give them more time and House appeals to the reluctant Sean’s love to do the operation. House all but begs Sean to do it... then notes to Foreman how easy it was to lie.

Sean proceeds with the drill and starts relieving the pressure. Cate comes out of her coma. It’s back to differential where Taub and Kuttner suggest it’s some kind of fat build up from an emboli, and Kuttner stands up for his differential. House realizes it would take an untreated bone break to cause the fat emboli, and figures which part of Cate’s body he hasn’t seen. He has her remove her socks and reveals... a broken toe, numbered by the cold. Sean treats the break and Cate should be back to normal. House signs off as Cate and Sean embrace.

Later, House goes to the restaurant where Wilson is meeting with his girlfriend. House still hasn’t figured it out. Wilson accuses House of caring about Cate but House denies it... and Amber (aka "Cutthroat Bitch") arrives for dinner with Wilson.
Don’t Ever Change

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), Anne Dudek (Amber), Peter Jacobson (Taub), Kal Penn (Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen)
Guest Stars: Laura Silverman (Roz), Kirsty Pape (Female Guest #2), Eyal Podell (Yonatan), Heather Joy Sher (Female Guest #2), Faye DeWitt (Mrs. Silver), Yossi Mintz (Rabbi), Yanky Lunger (Cantor), Brent Katz (Uncle Moishe)
Summary: House and his team must diagnose a Jewish bride who is taken ill at her wedding. However, House is more interested in analyzing Wilson's relationship with his new girlfriend.

At a Hasidic Jewish wedding, Roz and Yonatan are united in matrimony. At the reception afterward, as bride and groom are lifted up on chairs, Roz collapses and starts bleeding from her bladder.

House greets Wilson as he arrives for work and Wilson admits they've been together for two months. Wilson finally gives in and tells House to check out Amber himself.

House and his team take on Roz's case while discussing Amber and Wilson, and Kutner admits he knew. House suspects she poisoned herself and sends Foreman and Taub to check her house. Taub is Jewish but skeptical of the Hasidic lifestyle. They notice that Roz cut a few records and talk to her, and she reveals she turned Hasidic six months ago. Before that she took heroin but she has been clean for months, and Yonatan knows and accepted. They take a hair sample to test for latent toxins.

House gets into Amber's house using a stolen key from Wilson and is waiting for her when she gets home. He isn't sure why she's dating Wilson and tosses out several theories, including trying to get her job back and getting revenge. Amber neither admits nor denies and House leaves.

The drug tests are negative but House suspects that her newfound religion is a symptom of porphyria. House insists that people don't change and proscribes treatment for the rare genetic disorder. Yonatan and Roz are skeptical and Kutner is forced to explain how House came up with his diagnosis. Yonatan goes to Cuddy and demands a new doctor, and she points out the symptoms also indicate cryoglobulinemia fits some of the symptoms. Cuddy starts to prescribe treatment but Roz goes into respiratory distress.

It's back to differential with the breathing problem ruling out porphyria, and Thirteen doesn't believe the new religious is a mental symptom. House suspects it's lupus and has them give a stress test. He then catches up to Wilson and Amber at a restaurant and Amber takes charge to get their reservation settled. House realizes Wilson likes Amber taking charge and that he's sleeping with someone just like... House.

Taub administers the stress test and Yonatan wonders if treating the Lupus will undo the mental change that led her to becoming Hasidic. Taub tries to reassure Yonatan he'll find someone else, but Yonatan wonders why Taub doesn't love his wife more then when they first got married. The stress test proves negative but when Roz stands up she collapses with leg pain. Foreman suspects a blood clot and House orders a MRI and fMRI. Thirteen and Foreman run the MRI and he suspects she doesn't want to be oversimplified and maintain the mystery about
her. House proposes they restart her IV to determine if she’s a masochist when the pain hits, based on the mental images. When Foreman touches her, her pleasure centers light up. However, they determine she’s been praying which might explain the brain activity, and when they get her up her BP and heart rate drop. As soon as they lay her down, she stabilizes. House gets her up... and she crashes again.

Back in differential, Taub admits he can see why Roz would be attracted to the Hasidic lifestyle. Kutner suggest an electrical problem in the heart, accounting for all the symptoms. House spots Wilson and orders tests, then goes out to talk to his friend. Wilson admits House is right and he’s looking for someone like House. House isn’t satisfied with that and says that Amber is needy, which attracts Wilson. Wilson denies it and wonders why House keeps finding a new argument every time Wilson agrees with him.

Taub and Kutner test Roz’s heart and Taub still thinks her change in lifestyle means something. Roz condemns them for gossiping and remembers Foreman’s earlier conversation with Thirteen. They then prepare a sweat test.

House goes to Cuddy and suggests she sleep with Wilson to get him away from Amber. She’s less then thrilled, and skeptical of House’s theory Wilson feels guilty, sleeps with women, ends up betrayed, feels guilty, and repeats the cycle. Cuddy notes that House is afraid of losing Wilson.

They administer the sweat test to Roz, while Yonatan insists seeing her bare is disrespectful. When Thirteen tries to console him, he feels she’s being condescending. As they raise the temperature, Roz goes into hypothermia.

It’s back to differential with the new symptom, and they wonder if she has an infection. They suspect something might be missing: cortisol, indicating Addison’s. They administer a cortisol test. Meanwhile, Cuddy expresses her doubts to Wilson about Amber but he insists he’s happy. She tells him the blunt truth: his needs will feed her needs and there’ll be nothing left of him.

Roz seems to feel better with the cortisol but Thirteen detects internal bleeding and Roz starts saying a prayer for herself. They give her injections but Chase says they need to open her up to find the bleeding. Even so, it will only keep her alive until they can cure her. Roz refuses, wanting to share shabbat with her husband in eight hours, after sunset. Yonatan tries to convince her but she standards by her Hasidic beliefs. House insists on Chase staying with them and they need him. They’re left with nothing that fits the symptoms, but Chase suggests they convince her it’s now sunset. They go ahead with the plan and Roz and Yonatan have their ceremony. Meanwhile, House calls in Amber and offers her the fellowship if she can solve the case and drops Wilson. She insists that with Wilson she has love and respect, and she won’t take the chance at the fellowship. She does suggest D.I.C., but that doesn’t fit all the symptoms either. House is forced to admit she’s changed.

The team runs another round of tests but they all prove negative. House insists that things aren’t where they should be just because they want them to be... but then realizes something isn’t where it should be. House goes out into the hall and intercepts Roz, and has them stand her up. She starts to collapse... until he applies pressure to her kidney. As soon as he releases the pressure, she crashes again. House has concluded that Roz has a floating kidney that was dislodged during the marriage. Every time she stood the kidney dropped and caused the problems, and they did the scans while she was lying down so they didn’t come up with anything. Surgery will correct the problem and Roz will be fine.

Later, House lets Wilson know he’s (more or less) okay with his girlfriend, but refuses to admit that anyone has changed. Wilson is shocked that he might form a long-term connection with someone other then House, but House might end up losing a friend. Wilson appreciates the self-sacrifice, even though House denies it.
Nurses are on strike and hold up a delivery man for their allowed 15 seconds. He tries to shove past them but Jeff, accompanying his wife Deb, convulses and collapses. They take him to the hospital E.R., which is crowded due to the strike. House notices Jeff and is intrigued by the fact that Jeff is unceasingly nice. He calls in the team to diagnose Jeff, but they're skeptical that anything is wrong, and suspect House is just trying to prove someone can’t possibly be so happy.

With Wilson busy dating Amber, House invites Chase bowling but primarily gripes about Wilson and Amber being together. Chase notes that Cameron had an insufferable friend and they scheduled one night to be with her. House then goes to see Wilson and suggests he share joint custody with Amber. Wilson notes this is (relatively) sane for House, and Amber works out a schedule. However, Wilson refuses to arbitrate.

Foreman and Kutner go over Jeff’s house and debate if it’s possible for someone to be nice. Kutner notes that House is the exception that proves the rule. Foreman notices hydrofluoric acid among the cleaning supplies and takes a sample.

House and Amber go to Cuddy to arbitrate but she refuses to help out and starts reviewing House’s performance. She refuses to give a ruling unless he reviews his team. The tests come back negative but do show low calcium, so House visits Jeff and starts insulting his wife Deb. Jeff remains nice and House concludes he has Williams’ Syndrome, a genetic illness that reduces suspicion. Taub and Thirteen note that Jeff doesn’t meet any of the other conditions of Williams’ Syndrome, shooting a hole in House’s theory. However, Jeff suddenly has a stroke.

The team goes into differential, while House runs some very brief performance reviews. Foreman isn’t thrilled and eventually gives in to do it himself. House suspects neurosyphilis and Kutner interviews Paul about his sexual history. He insists that his wife didn’t give it to him and he’s never had it since he tested negative 10 years ago with the Peace Corps.

House is waiting for Amber and Wilson to arrive when a Watchtower representative stops by his door promising happiness. House isn’t impressed. Amber drops off Wilson sixteen minutes late, and House is even less impressed.

Thirteen comes in to see Foreman and proposes heart tests, but he insists on doing her performance review. She’d rather do the tests. Kutner comes in to report the tests are positive for neurosyphilis. Paul insists that it must be him and his test ten years ago must be faulty; he refuses to believe Deb is the source and it must be his fault. She denies having an affair despite
the fact there’s no other possibility, and notes she’ll never be as good as her husband... but tries to be a better person. Kutner warns that as they treat Jeff for neurosyphilis, his attitude toward her may change.

Foreman tries to conduct a performance review with Taub, who refuses to play along and points out that House is simply messing with him by giving him the job. Kutner suspects something is wrong with House. House is out drinking with Wilson and getting him drunk when the team calls with a new diagnosis after Jeff starts vomiting blood. They think he has hepatitis caused by ethanol in his cleansers, or the penicillin they’re giving him for the neurosyphilis. He tells them to run more tests and then explains to Wilson that he’s getting him drunk to mess up his relationship with Amber. Wilson isn’t thrilled and goes back home.

As they run tests and determine Jeff also has hepatitis, Kutner tests House’s blood sample and determines that he has syphilis and they go to see House. They tell him they know he has it and House is furious. They provide him with medication and he has nothing else to say as they leave. They explain to Cameron and Chase and conclude that the disease is the reason that House is a jerk, and Chase wonders if Cameron slept with House. They also wonder if House would be less of a doctor if he gets treatment. Cameron refuses to answer Chase’s question and he figures she did.

Amber and Wilson meet with House and she objects to the fact House returned Wilson drunk. She concludes House will just get worse until she stops him or stops seeing Wilson. She decides to amend the agreement, adding penalty clauses, and House agrees. House was going to tell Wilson about the syphilis but figures Wilson will tell Amber so doesn’t say anything.

Foreman goes to House and insists he formalize his relationship as the team’s boss. House insists he wants to humiliate Foreman so that the team will question him, making them better diagnosticians. Foreman isn’t buying it.

Deb goes to visit Jeff and he starts snarling at him and then has a heart attack. It’s back to differential and House lets Kutner take the marker for the board. Taub suspects that the penicillin is doing its job and causing Jeff’s rage. The others have different theories including heart problems and ’roid rage. House let Foreman cast the deciding vote, but he suspects House is setting him up... until House agrees with Foreman’s decision. The team is left to wonder if House is better or worse since he didn’t participate in the diagnosis.

House goes to Wilson and makes him promise not to tell Amber, then tells him that the team thinks he has syphilis. He slipped them an old blood sample and is faking treatment to fool the team into thinking he’s nicer. The two of them go bowling to celebrate.

The team are running tests on Jeff and wondering if they should ease up on House’s treatments. However, Amber barges in and announces that Wilson told her House doesn’t have neurosyphilis. Kutner confronts House and reveals Amber told him. However, Kutner wonders if Jeff might also have Chagas, which would test positive for neurosyphilis, and that he picked up during his Peace Corps tour in Costa Rica. When they gave him the penicillin, the Chagas flared up, causing the heart attack. Kutner has confirmed his diagnosis with a new MRI.

They go to see Jeff and inform him that he has Chagas Disease, a parasite that caused brain swelling that altered his personality for the last ten years. Deb doesn’t believe it and isn’t worried that his feelings for her will change.

House goes to Cuddy and turns in the signed performance reviews. However, she soon figures out they’re all the same but admits it’s more then she expected. She also discovers he wrote a performance review of her. House insists on reading the rest of the review, and asks her to sign. In response, Amber has demanded that Cuddy deal with the fact that he violated the agreement. He notes that Amber has too and Cuddy insists on implementing penalties on both of them.

Jeff is having a meal with Deb when he notices that the ketchup tastes bad, and wonders what else he doesn’t like. Deb is left to wonder.

House and Amber are left changing bed pans... together, while Wilson just smirks.
Actor Evan Greer is filming a scene for his soap opera as Dr. Brock Serling, and suddenly collapses. It’s all part of the script but Evan insists the entire thing is garbage. Greer leaves in his towncar but the driver takes him in the wrong direction. The driver then locks the car doors and introduces himself as... Dr. Gregory House, who plans to save Evan’s life.

House arrives at the hospital where Cuddy is waiting with the accreditation on-site inspector. She hastily denies knowing House, who notes Evan that he is having trouble reading his lines, which makes House think he has a brain tumor. He convinces Evan to undergo a vision test. Meanwhile, Cuddy asks the staff to make sure and behave for the inspector, and then asks Chase, Foreman, and Cameron to watch House. Chase refuses and Foreman agrees to watch House while Cameron finishes his paperwork.

House is testing Evan and claims he’s spotted something but Foreman comes in and realizes the test is proving negative. Evan leaves and House goes out, where he runs into Wilson who is having back troubles because he’s having trouble with Amber’s mattress. House warns that Amber will turn it into a game that she will insist on winning. While talking, House and Wilson end up in the elevator with Evan, and House drugs him and takes him to the MRI test chamber. However, the MRI tests also prove negative for tumors as well. Evan storms off and House has Taub and Thirteen try and convince him not to sue. However, when Evan gets to the lobby he collapses due to a numb foot.

It’s into differential where Cameron suggests a series of tests while trying to finish House’s paperwork. House doesn’t believe her tests will prove useful but Kutner goes ahead and does them, while Evan says he’s rather do something inspiring. Meanwhile, House watches the soap with the rest of the team on high-def TV to look for signs of illness. Cuddy comes in and talks to House about behaving during the accreditation: he bargains for the high-def TV. Before Cuddy can respond, Kutner reports the foot numbness is a real symptom but doesn’t show any toxins, and House still believes it’s the result of a toxin and sends Kutner to check out Evan’s home while he goes to Evan’s dressing room.

Wilson and Amber are buying mattresses and Amber tries to get the salesman to knock down the price by lying that she’s pregnant and has been laid off. However, she relents and lets Wilson pick whatever mattress he wants, hard or soft. Wilson calls House at Evan’s dressing room to let him know Amber is letting him choose, but House thinks she’s manipulating him. House
notices flowers, gin bottles, and sunflower seeds, but not toxins, then talks to Evan’s co-star, who notes they dated once but he didn’t do anything. House concludes Evan is impotent based on the sunflower seeds in his dressing room, and the sunflower seeds are the toxin, leaving B6 in his blood. They put him in the sleep lab and test him for sexual arousal: they confirm he isn’t impotent but then Evan goes into cardiac arrest.

In differential, Cameron suggests hyperthyroidism and House now believes the thyroid is responsible. Cameron keeps interjecting, and House suspects she wants to be back on the diagnostic team. Foreman finally agrees with House that they should nuke Evan’s thyroid, startling everyone. However, once they’re outside, Foreman reveals to the rest of the team they’re going to just do iodine uptake testing and by the time House finds out, they’ll know one way or another.

House is in the morgue having a snack when Cuddy finds him there, just ahead of the inspector, Conway. House figures Cuddy hastily hides the food and Conway ends up wondering if they’re having an affair. Cuddy caves and House gets his HD TV and Cameron comes in to announce the paperwork is done. House figures that she misses him and she thinks he hired Thirteen because he couldn’t get her. She admits she misses the puzzles and the investigation, and he offers to fire Thirteen or Kutner to get her back. However, she also admits she doesn’t miss House.

During the iodine testing, Taub finds it hard to believe that Evan doesn’t find his work meaningless. However, they run the test and although Evan’s thyroid is normal, they discover the iodine is spread throughout Evan’s body: his kidneys are failing. House isn’t thrilled they failed to destroy the thyroid, despite the fact that doing so probably would have killed Evan. House accuses Foreman of going behind his back to make sure they passed the inspection, but Taub is more concerned about the patient, saying it could be auto immune. House counters by telling the team to make sure that everything is within height compliance.

Wilson and Amber end up on their new mattress but Amber freezes up when she realizes he bought the firm mattress. She’s upset that he got the mattress she wanted instead of the one he wanted, and accuses him of resenting all of his ex-wives because he did what they wanted. She notes she doesn’t need him to take care of her, and wants him to take care of himself.

House visits Evan who still wants to do something that matters. House notes that nothing matters and tells him to quit if he’s unhappy. Evan says he can’t and wonders if House is afraid of change. House figure Evan is afraid of failure so he won’t try, and Evan says he’ll use his second chance to set things right. However, Evan then starts deliriously reciting lines from the last season of his soap opera. His temperature goes up and House calls in cooling blankets as Evan asserts he’s his soap opera character.

Now that Evan is septic with an infection and in a coma, they need to target the specific cause. Foreman suspects a fungus or parasite but House goes to relax on a mattress and help Wilson shop for his new bed. Wilson announces he’s wanted a waterbed all his life but then tries to back out of it. House is more interested in the flower design on the beds and takes off.

House meets with the team and announces Evan has an allergy. The fungus and parasite tests have proven negative and House notes there were chrysanthemums in Evan’s dressing room, which are a known allergen. House decides to administer steroids, despite the fact it will kill Evan if it’s an infection. When the hospital pharmacist is reluctant to hand out a massive dose of steroids, House barges in and takes the steroids, then goes to Evan’s room. Cuddy intervenes and insists that House wait for the blood tests. She finally admits her job and House’s are on the line, and he tells her to call security in three minutes, covering her and letting Evan live. Cuddy backs down and lets House administer the steroids.

As the staff wait, Cuddy reports that the tests prove negative for floral allergies and goes to reorder the antibiotic treatments. However, when she gets to Evan’s room she finds out that Evan is recovering: it was an allergy after all. House notes that he was wrong and they should have stopped him. Conway confronts Cuddy, noting that House was wrong and he broke the rules.

Amber wakes up and discovers Wilson is sleeping on the floor in the next room: he hates the water bed and can’t sleep on it. Amber assures him they’ll take it back.

House is watching his soap opera again and notices Evan drinking on set. He calls Cuddy, who reveals they got a $200,000 fine. House says that there was quinine in the water: he spotted bubbles in the liquid and Evan is allergic to quinine. Brock was drinking gin and tonics, and while the gin was fake, the tonic had quinine in it. Cuddy insists on taking back the TV and wishes him good night.
House’s Head (1)

Season 4
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Season Episode: 15

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Anne Dudek (Amber), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Fred Durst (Bartender), Sharmila Devar (Nurse), Isaac Bright (Goth Kid), Jennifer Lee Wiggins (Stripper), Rebecca Rhae Larsen (Bohemian Girl), Boogie (Dreadlocks), Henry Hayashi (Kaneshiro/Bus Driver), Julie Ariola (Nurse Dickerson), Ivana Milicevic (Woman in Black)

Summary: A bus accident leaves House with serious head trauma and partial amnesia. He comes to believe that a patient on the bus had a life-threatening disease and struggles to recall who it was, and what they had.

House finds himself in a strip bar, with no memory of the last four hours. The stripper assuores him he just came in and isn’t drunk, and notices he’s bleeding from a head injury. He has vague memories of someone injured. He goes outside, staggering because of his missing cane, and sees a major bus accident that he was in.

House is at the hospital getting treatment for his concussion along with the other bus passengers, and insists that he saw someone with symptoms, and they are in danger. He first suspects the driver had leukemia, and then a seizure that caused the accident, but the driver is okay. House then prescribes a fake case of meningitis to get the place quarantined. However, House tries to retrace his steps without luck and his team heads back to the ER until he can remember. Before they do, Kutner suggests hypnosis and Chase has the training. Chase takes House back through his memories, first to an empty bus, then to the bar where he was drinking and the bartender took his keys. Amber also shows up briefly, raising Wilson’s suspicions. Finally they tap into House’s memories on the bus and he remembers one passenger picking his nose, which indicates a tumor. The passenger checks out, but then the driver reveals that his legs are paralyzed.

All tests prove negative but House wonders if a smell might have triggered a memory. Foreman orders antibiotics for myelitis while House starts sniffing the patients’ clothing while taking more Vicodin for the pain. The odors trigger a memory and the driver (House’s subconscious) questions why House doesn’t get treatment. The other passengers appear, including a woman in expensive black clothing who House concludes wasn’t on the bus so must be coming somewhere else. Wilson brings him out of it and insists he undergo a MRI, which indicates he’s suffering from short-term memory. While Wilson runs the test, he finally picks up that House didn’t visualize Amber naked in his hallucinations, and figures that means House has feelings for her despite House’s denials. House persists on dealing with the diagnosis, although he can’t explain why he’s so obsessed with the case. He goes to the cafeteria to work through a list of symptoms but suffers from increasingly severe headaches.

The driver starts recovering thanks to antibiotic treatment but House thinks it’s too fast and the driver starts suffering from stomach pains. House suspects Addison but Foreman notices...
that House is bleeding from his ear. House decides to go into sensory deprivation to help him tap into his memories. This time Cuddy is on the bus in House’s memories and he fantasizes her in a skimpy schoolgirl outfit. The fantasy of Cuddy starts a pole dance while discussing the case, and then they’re in the strip bar and go through a diagnosis. Fantasy Cuddy finally calls a halt to it since House’s subconscious would rather diagnose than fantasize about her, and the driver calls out for attention and suggests he has Parkinson’s, although his ear is bleeding just like House’s. The Woman in Black appears claiming she’s the answer, and the driver prods House into remembering he had a shuffling limp just like someone with Parkinson’s. He’s interrupted when Cuddy and the others get him out. He tells them to treat for Parkinson’s…and then collapses.

House wakes up to find a Nurse Dickerson examining him at home, along with a security guard, and figures they’ve eliminated Parkinson’s. House calls in and finally orders them to run a bagel test to confirm TPP: eating bagels and exercising on a treadmill. After Dickerson takes his cell phone, House steals her cell phone and takes refuge in the bathroom and listens to the driver’s breathing, and the driver collapses from the strain. He’s wheezing, eliminating House’s current diagnosis of TPP.

Cuddy calls House back in as the driver has trouble breathing. He realizes the driver has had recent dental surgery, and concludes that he has an air bubble in his gum from the dental surgery that has moved to his heart and caused a myoclonic jerk that moved through his body, causing the symptoms. House seals off the room so they can’t move him, then positions the patient to force the bubble to the driver’s heard and orders Thirteen to get inject his heart to get the air bubble out. Thirteen ignores Cuddy’s orders to stop and goes ahead with the procedure, saving the bus driver’s life.

Cuddy takes House home and stands guard so he doesn’t leave. He gets up and goes into the living room, only to find the Woman in Black there in his dream. She’s wearing a necklace with a fly in resin, and he thinks it indicates a fly in the ointment: something he’s missing. He finds a red scarf in his hand and decides he needs to tie it around her leg. She says she’s cold and he says to stay with him, and then wonders why he said it. He sees her bleeding around the scarf, then wakes up and tells Cuddy it isn’t over: he saved the wrong person.

House explains that he saw something else in someone else, and the crash triggered the air bubble in the driver. She wonders why it matters so much to him, and he suggests that they recreate the accident with hospital staff wearing photos of the patients on their shirts. He gets a memory flash of the woman Cameron represents wearing a locket, and then starts taking Alzheimer drugs to put his brain into overdrive, despite the risks to his heart. House starts to remember the accident and sees the Woman again. She says he knows who she is, and asks what her necklace is made of. He finally realizes it’s made of amber, and the woman is Amber, and sees her on the bus just before the impact. He then relives the entire accident and in the aftermath, sees her bleeding from a head wound with a pipe through her leg. He uses her red scarf as a tourniquet on her leg as she says she’s cold, but then he collapses as an EMT gets her out of the wrecked bus. He then gets out, his hands covered in blood, and limps to the nearby strip bar.

House wakes up as the team attempts to revive him from his heart attack, and House tries to explain that Amber was on the bus. Wilson realizes he hasn’t talked to her since before the accident, and they realize she was the Jane Doe #2, who was transferred to Princeton General.
**Wilson’s Heart (2)**

**Season 4**
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House and Wilson go to the hospital to check on Amber, who had her kidneys destroyed in the crash. Her heart is racing despite the fact the doctors have patched her up from bus accident. House gets Wilson to pretend to be her husband to get her moved to Princeton-Plainsboro, but en route her heart races out of control. House prepares to defib but Wilson suggests they use ice packs instead as otherwise the heart condition will cause brain damage. House agrees and they lower her body temperature.

Chase stabilizes Amber at the hospital while the team runs a differential but doesn’t come up with anything and her limited heart activity is restricting their ability to diagnose. He orders an angiogram and has Kutner and Thirteen go to Amber’s house to take samples. Taub asks if House was having an affair with Amber and might have done drugs. House can’t rule it out due to his amnesia and Taub runs a tox screen. Meanwhile, Kutner finds some digital video of Wilson and Amber having sex, and Thirteen has him shut it down, noting that none of them should be involved.

In his office, House dreams an encounter with Amber, who wants him to remember exactly what they were doing and pours him a glass of sherry. She suggests they had an affair and mentions electricity just as he wakes up. He suggests they use electricity to stimulate his memories but Cuddy and Wilson refuse. When Wilson speaks, Amber’s EKG reacts although House dismisses it as a random spike. Kutner and Thirteen report that they’ve found diet pills she had hidden that could account for the heart damage. However, they’ll have to restore her body temperature to test the heart and Wilson refuses. House agrees and tells them to crack open her chest to check for calcification. As they leave, House confronts Thirteen, noting that she didn’t even help in the search and she needs to get her head on straight and treat Amber as any other patient.

They take Amber into surgery but notices that she’s jaundiced, which diet pills wouldn’t account for liver shut down. They suggest they let the disease continue to run further tests but Wilson doesn’t agree and insists they refrigerate her further. House is trying to figure out what the sherry means from his dream, and Kutner notes there’s a Sharrie’s Bar. House tells them to fill Amber’s lungs with slurry, then takes Wilson to the bar. The bartender recognizes House and tosses him his keys, then notes that Amber was sneezing. The bartender thinks House was “in to” Amber, raising Wilson’s suspicions. House wonders if the sneezing indicates a parasite or
an infection. Meanwhile, Kutner wonders what House told Thirteen and catches her before she makes a mistake. He warns her not to take it personally and describes how his parents were killed by a robber.

House returns with the conclusion that she has Hep B based on her sneezing, and orders interferon treatment. Foreman goes to tell Wilson since House is still concussed. House goes to see Amber, who he hallucinates waking up. She says his diagnosis is lame and takes off her blouse to reveal her back...and House wakes up. He goes into the ICU and checks her back, revealing a rash. They run a new differential while Wilson wonders how House knew there was a rash there. He orders Thirteen to run a test to see if it’s an abscess and when she hesitates, he orders her out and has Taub do the test. It proves negative and Foreman wonders if it’s Rocky Mounted Spotted Fever caused by a tick. House orders an antibiotic, but it’ll take eight hours and they’ll have to restart her heart. Wilson insists they don’t restart her heart until they’re 100% certain. House agrees with Wilson and orders the blood cultures, and Foreman is angry that House is giving in out of personal concerns.

Thirteen takes refuge in the woman’s restroom and House takes up residence in the next stall. She admits she’s screwing up and admits that she is at risk from Huntington’s, and House notes she is dealing with it by not dealing with it. She accuses him of screwing up the case worse than she is. The team waits for the test to come back, while Thirteen takes a blood sample for Huntington’s. Foreman goes to Cuddy and notes that House is going to kill the patient. Wilson comes in to find that Cuddy and Foreman are restarting her heart. Her EEG slows and Wilson notes they’ve let it spread to her brain.

House now suspects autoimmune set off by the crash, but Wilson warns that the steroids will trash her immune system. House stays by his diagnosis and Wilson storms off, but then comes back to admit that he was afraid. House assures him it’ll be okay, but Wilson wants to try deep brain simulation with electricity to see if there’s something else House isn’t remembering. He wants House to risk his life to save Amber’s...and House agrees.

Chase administers electrical shock directly into House’s hypothalamus and he remembers the bartender taking his keys. House then calls Wilson, but Wilson notes that he was on call. Wilson realizes that Amber was home and House told her to find Wilson to pick him up. Instead, she came to get him and he has her have a drink with him. Once she drinks it, she sneezes and House remembers her snot being clear. House then leaves without paying, heading for the bus. Amber covers his tab and gets on the bus with him, and House wonders if she’s doing it for House or Wilson. She mentions she’s getting a flu, which explains the rash. However, he also remembers seeing her take some amantadine pills. House realizes that she has amantadine poisoning. When she lost her kidneys in the crash, her system couldn’t handle the amantadine. Wilson believes they can cure her with dialysis but House warns that the amantadine binds with proteins and dialysis can’t clear it out: there’s nothing they can do. House relives the crash again...and then has a seizure.

The team concludes that the shaking widened his skull fracture, resulting in brain bleeding and possible cognitive impairment. Amber’s heart is irrevocably damaged and she can’t qualify for transplant because of the damage to her other organs. Cuddy suggests they wake her up so Wilson can tell her what she means to him and to say goodbye. Wilson reluctantly agrees and explains what happened to her, and she realizes what she means. They both say they love each other and embrace.

The team resolves to say goodbye to Amber and then she says it’s time for her to go to sleep, over Wilson’s objections that they need a little longer. He wonders why she isn’t angry and she says that isn’t the last feeling she wants to have. He then shuts down her life support and holds her as she dies.

House is in his coma and finds himself in a white light with Amber, aboard the bus. He thinks he should be dead and wonders if Wilson will hate him. Amber tells him to get off the bus but House doesn’t want to since he’s now free of pain, and free of Wilson hating him. Amber notes he can’t always get what he wants, and he wakes up in his hospital bed with Cuddy hovering over him.

Thirteen confirms that she has Parkinson’s.
Taub goes home to his ex-wife and embraces her.
Kutner eats cereal and watches movies.
Foreman, Cameron, and Chase share a drink together.
Wilson watches House as he wakes up, then just walks away. He returns home to find a note from Amber saying that she went to pick up House.
Season Five
Dying Changes Everything

Season 5
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Season Episode: 1

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Writer: Eli Attie
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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Christine Woods (Lou), Jamie Rose (Patty Michener), Bob Sherer (Patient), Janet Song (Surgeon), David Kagen (C.E.O.), Paul Haitkin (Another Suit)
Summary: In the aftermath of personal tragedy, Wilson resigns from the hospital... and from his friendship with House. Meanwhile, Thirteen struggles with her personal medical problems while helping treat an executive assistant with a similar personality to her own. Read

Patty Mishner, the head of Woman’s Majority, arrives at a company meeting with her assistant Lou to give them advice on how to deal with women’s issues. As she talks to the board, Lou starts hallucinating being covered with ants and starts ripping off her clothing.

House is in the coma patient’s room playing video games and ducking Cuddy. She finds him anyway and tells him that Wilson’s back. House says Wilson wanted time alone and left him to himself. Foreman arrives and informs them about Lou’s case. Cuddy suggests someone else takes the case, but House takes it rather than talk to Wilson. The team meets and goes over Lou’s travel history and the possibility she’s taking amphetamines to keep up with her job. Taub suspects a B-12 deficiency due to work pressure but Thirteen believes she has cancer and doesn’t think it’s work-related. House jumps in and talks about her having Huntington’s Chorea, then backs Taub’s diagnosis and orders vitamin treatments. Afterward, the rest of the team approaches Thirteen, who denies having Huntington and accuses House of deflecting his problems into her.

Lou is on the phone talking with her boss when Thirteen arrives to give her vitamin boosters. Lou suddenly says she’s had a bowel movement, but Thirteen realizes she’s bleeding anally.

House goes to see Wilson, who says that he’s leaving. House suggests that emotional pain fades away but Wilson doesn’t believe it. When Thirteen informs him about Lou’s condition, House sends her away and tells Wilson to get over the textbook grief reactions. Wilson cuts him off and leaves.

Thirteen and Taub conduct a rectum probe and Thirteen isn’t thrilled with House putting his personal issues before the patient. They don’t discover a source for bleeding but Kutner reveals that the pre-procedure test for pregnancy showed positive. They administer an ultrasound to Lou who defends her choice to relieve her needs. However, they find no sign of a fetus. They go to House and confirm the B-12 treatments are kicking in but Lou’s heart is still slowing. House tells them to go ahead and confronts Wilson again and tells him that he’s suffering too. Wilson doesn’t
take that well. The others come in and Wilson informs them that he’s leaving. House focuses on the case again and goes to see Lou. He mistakes her for being age 27 instead of 37 because of her good skin, then administers another ultrasound. He determines the fetus descended into her intestines and orders surgery to remove it. Thirteen confronts House, insisting they should try to save the fetus. He refuses and questions her judgment and thinks the knowledge of her condition is coloring her decisions.

Thirteen goes to Lou, who is fine with having the fetus removed. Meanwhile, House goes to see Cameron and suggests she talk to Wilson because she lost her husband.

Chase starts the operation, but Lou’s blood pressure starts dropping and they just manage to stabilize her and remove the fetus.

House goes to Cuddy and suggests she block Wilson’s references to other hospitals. Cuddy would rather House apologize to Wilson, but he refuses because he doesn’t feel responsible for her death. She tells him to tell Wilson he feels like crap but he insists it’s meaningless.

Lou is now having neurological problems and flat lines, and they call House. House is in Wilson’s office and asks if apologizing would change anything. When Wilson refuses to consider it, House states that he’ll go home and ignore his patients until Wilson agrees to stay. As Lou’s condition worsens, House leaves the hospital.

The team goes into differential without House, and with Cuddy supervising. She tells them she’s confident in their abilities and leaves. Thirteen suggests MS, which matches all the current symptoms, and Foreman authorizes interferon treatment. Cuddy goes to see House and point out that he’s running away as well, but House closes the door in her face.

Lou regains consciousness and wants House to treat her. She insists she’d be nothing without Patty and when Thirteen objects, Lou admits that not everyone is equal. She starts to shiver due to fever, disproving the MS diagnosis.

House comes back to the hospital to confront Cuddy because she’s managed to disconnect his cable. She’s also taken the doctor’s lounge remote, and called Wilson in on a fake emergency. She refuses to give up his salary history or give House cable access until they both sit down and work things out.

The team goes over the recording of the surgery and Kutner spots a possible ganglioma that could be causing the symptoms. They decide they’ll have to open Lou up again and determine exactly what is it. Meanwhile, House and Wilson aren’t interested in talking about anything except Cuddy. She finally tells Wilson he can’t run away and he storms out, noting that no one at the hospital liked Amber.

Chase believes the lump was a hematoma which is why he ignored it during the surgery. He refuses to operate, insisting that Lou won’t survive a second round of anesthesia. Thirteen insists he would agree if it was House, but he notes they’re not House. Kutner comes up with an alternative: inserting a lighted probe up her rectum and finding the lump, then pushing it up to the skin and removing it.

Thirteen informs Lou about the procedure, and the assistant reveals that she was fired. Thirteen wonders how Lou can let Patty treat her that way, but Lou has no problem with it and admits she’d rather aspire to greatness then achieve it.

They go ahead with the procedure and cut out the suspected ganglioma. Meanwhile, Cameron talks to Wilson and warns him that he’s not making a rational choice even if he thinks so now. She admits the pain eventually gets easier but never goes away, and he can’t handle seeing anything that reminds him of Amber. She says she has the same problems with her dead husband even now, and warns that there’s no “right” choice to make.

They determine that the lump is not a ganglioma, but indicates amyloidosis. They don’t know what the cause of it is and have to determine it or she’ll never leave. They all disagree on the cause, so Foreman takes the information to Wilson. He suspects lymphoma, confirming Thirteen’s guess, and Foreman orders chemo. He tells Wilson that he should leave: everyone else would and anything that might make his life easier would help.

Thirteen talks to Lou as she receives chemo. Lou says she’s feeling better and says that Thirteen might be able to aspire to more. In response, Thirteen explains she has Huntington’s and she wants to make her life matters before it runs out. Lou admits that Thirteen has inspired her and she’s applying for a job at a foundation.

House has obtained the nurse’s remote and is preparing to watch his soaps. Cuddy asks him why he thinks Wilson is leaving, and then says she hoped he would say something insensitive
and... true. She figures he's afraid to learn why Wilson is really leaving. House is thinking about something else: he goes to see Lou and notes she know looks like 37. He tells them to stop the chemo and takes a sample from a bruise on her leg. He reveals that she has diffuse lepromatous leprosy, acquired when she was traveling overseas. The symptoms include smooth skin, explaining why Lou looked 10 years younger. He orders antibiotics and leaves for his soap opera, and Thirteen is irritated that House was right.

Later, Thirteen talks to Lou, confirming House's diagnosis. Lou admits that she's going back to work for Patty and she doesn't want her to change: she's happy being an employee rather than an employer. House talks to Thirteen later: she considers Lou an idiot but House notes that only dying changes everything. Realizing what he's said, he goes to Wilson... and apologizes. Wilson admits he doesn't blame House, and even tried to find something to blame on House. But he warns that they're not okay: he's leaving because he's tired of enabling and protecting House. They're not friends any more... and Wilson wonders if they ever were.
Two women are playing tennis when one of them collapses, clutching at her chest. On a construction site, a crane worker dies in his seat. A kickboxer dies in the middle of a match. A tuba player starts vomiting blood in the middle of a rehearsal and expires. Thirteen arrives at a college class and informs the math teacher, Apple, that she had a corneal transplant five years ago, and four other people who received a transplant from the same donor died.

Apple is taken to the hospital where they determine four of the victims are dead and one more, an elderly man named Frank, is on the verge of death. The team is unable to determine a common denominator and House is more concerned about Wilson’s absence. Finally House goes with a diagnosis of cancer and orders them to run more tests. He then heads for the cafeteria where he approaches Dr. O’Shea as a possible Wilson-replacement. Things look potentially promising until O’Shea refuses to go home with House to watch TV that night. Foreman arrives to inform House that Apple’s eye is failing and they have to remove it. Apple starts hallucinating that House plans to decapitate her, indicating something is wrong with her brain.

House goes over video of the kickboxer looking for signs of brain damage. The janitor interrupts to berate Taub and Kutner for being idiots, but they soon notice that he’s wearing the wrong type of socks. They conclude he’s a private investigator and House admits he hired him. The detective, Lucas, has already put together the information about the dead individuals that they need. Even House is impressed at his thoroughness.

They need to do a biopsy and appeal to Frank’s wife for approval, and Apple adds her urging, lying that she has a family. Taub reluctantly tells Frank’s wife the truth. Frank stops breathing and dies despite Taub’s efforts. House orders him to save the brain so they can do an autopsy. They determine Frank’s brain is clean and House still suspects cancer. Foreman accuses House of suggesting cancer so he has a reason to call in Wilson. Kutner suggest a perforated intestine and bacterial infection that spread through the blood and infected all the organs. Houses a DNA check via a colonoscopy on the donor’s daughter.
House meets with Lucas, who figures that House wants him to hire him to check out Wilson and see if there’s something House can use to get Wilson to come back. House asks if there is something, and Lucas admits there isn’t. House returns to the hospital where Kutner and Foreman improve him the colonoscopy proved clean. House still believes in cancer and Kutner suggests they use a high-pressure water jet to apply pressure to Frank’s colon. There are no leaks but Foreman spots what appears to be a core lesion. Kutner increases the pressure and Frank’s intestines and body wastes spray out on Foreman.

Apple’s heart starts racing but there’s no indication her colon is leaking. The team has nothing new and House orders chemo for the cancer he suspects she has. He goes to her room and signals an emergency when he can’t find the medical records on Apple’s bed. He then asks Apple to sign a consent form to receive chemotherapy, noting that he can’t tell her she has cancer because then she might think the treatment is working. Nonetheless, he hints she has cancer. As she signs, Apple talks about how she was an architect but gave it up after her corneal transplant. She notes that she thought her life would be better once she saw, but nothing improved and her parents were still dead. Apple notes that House doesn’t seem much different, and he notes that at least he hasn’t given up.

Lucas reports in to tell House that Wilson has a new job. He points a woman out that he’s following because he likes her, then informs House that Wilson is attending grief counseling and Cameron and Cuddy have been at his house several times. Lucas starts following the girl and House has to trail along. The girl finally confronts them and says they’re making her uncomfortable. After she leaves, Lucas notes that Wilson hasn’t said anything about House. House gets a page and heads to the hospital where Apple is vomiting from the chemo but her system is stabilizing. Foreman is surprised House was right, but House concludes that it isn’t cancer.

Back in differential, House notes he never thought it was cancer but thought it acted like cancer. Now he wants to find something that is similar to cancer, and notes the last patient was using an anti-cancer medicine for his arthritis and it didn’t save him. He goes to Wilson and asks for an epiphany, wanting to bounce ideas off of him. Wilson tries to shut him out and House asks how he’s doing. Wilson begs him not to do this so he can move on, and House accuses him of talking to the others. Wilson tries to shut him out and House asks how he’s doing. Wilson begs him not to do this so he can move on, and House accuses him of talking to the others. House admits he hired a private detective to watch Wilson because they’re not friends any more, then tries to run a diagnosis. Wilson refuses and warns he won’t answer the door the next time House knocks.

Lucas is outside and tries to advise House on friendship... and gives House an idea. He goes to see Cuddy and shows her Apple’s CAT scan. It indicates something is in there that her brain isn’t compensating for. House believes that the donor had cancer stem cells that attached themselves to the donor’s various organs, and when transplanted eventually gave out and stopped working. He wants to open up Apple’s skull before it’s too late for her, and Cuddy wonders if House is going to do something to make Apple crash prematurely. She puts guards on Apple’s room and House calls Lucas to have him sneak in and tamper with Apple’s IV. She crashes and goes into surgery where they have to open up her skull. House suggests they check her IV and Chase figures he switched the meds but has little choice but to continue. They attach a neural net while Lucas comes into the observation gallery and realizes that House lied to him about how dangerous it was for Apple to switch the meds. The neural net will detect her nerve impulses and show them the problem. They spot the defective brain cells and remove them.

Later, House goes to visit Apple and explains that the world is ugly but not as ugly as she thought. Her brain wasn’t working properly and the transplanted brain cells were making things dull and unattractive to her. He takes off the bandages and Apple sees the world for what it is... and notes that House looks sad.

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is worried that Heather might suspect something and wants to cover up the dialysis. Thirteen realizes that Taub is lying, but Taub doesn’t see a reason to bring it up with his wife.

The next morning, Taub reports that the dialysis is apparently working and House wants to know if Taub has told his wife. House then checks in with Lucas via a hidden radio headset. Lucas is camped out in the lobby and Cuddy notices him. The detective wonders why House is so interested, and if Taub’s marital problems will make him work harder, or quit. Meanwhile, Brandon’s throat and face swell up and Foreman has to do an exploratory tracheotomy. They administer steroids and cream to reduce the swelling without success. House still believes the mix of trial drugs is responsible and the new symptoms are from withdrawal. House suggests they detox him more effectively by readministering the drugs and then weaning him off them slowly.

Cuddy confronts Lucas in the lobby, only to find out that the detective has paid someone who looks like him to sit there. She finds Lucas in her office, going through her drawers. He says he’s doing it for free because he’s interested in her but hasn’t found anything. As he leave, he offers to give her interesting information about House in return for the chance to talk to her.

At home, Taub and wife are having supper when he finally confronts her about the bank account. Embarrassed, she admits that she bought him the car he always wanted. Meanwhile, Thirteen monitors the drugs in Brandon’s systems. . . and he grabs her and yanks her onto the bed. She punches him to get free .

Now that the drugs are cleared out of Brandon’s system, the team goes back to differential to find new theories. Taub admits that he asked his wife what was going on and demands an apology to House. House kind of apologizes. . . and then wonders why Rachel would give Taub a car. House goes orders Taub to stay the night and conduct tests. Then House goes home and finds Lucas in his closet trying to find something embarrassing to give Cuddy. House wants Lucas to find something on Cuddy for future negotiations and Lucas agrees.

Kutner and Taub find narrow blood vessels and Taub believes that Brandon recently acquired a heart arrhythmia due to the drugs, and the narrowed blood vessels are causing the symptoms. House tells them to test Brandon’s heart for arrhythmia. As they proceed, Taub tells Brandon he shouldn’t confess to Heather if he’s doing it to make himself feel better. They test the heart while Taub wonders when House will let him go home. Brandon’s heart goes into overdrive and they’re forced to stabilize it, but House is more interested in the fact that Brandon’s hair is growing in red.

The new symptoms suggest Romano-Ward Syndrome . . . except for the melanin change. They need to do a cardiac sympathectomy but they’re not sure if Brandon’s heart is stable enough to handle the operation.

Lucas goes to Cuddy with a photo showing that House was a cheerleader in college. In return he gets to answer her personal questions. However, he realizes that she knows it’s a fake photo. He admits he likes her because she’s hot and smart, but he wonders why she isn’t suspicious of the photo. He figures she must know it’s a doctored photo, which means she knows it’s a game. He apologizes and starts to leave, then concludes that since she knew he wasn’t going to give her anything worthwhile, she must really be interested in him. Satisfied, he sits back down with her.

Thirteen and Taub explain the procedure to Brandon, but he suffers from vision agnosia and mistakes them for someone else. House believes the agnosia is irrelevant and they still need to do a sympathectomy. Taub wonders if Brandon is suffering from a toxin from contaminated paint a year ago that got into his fat cells, and is being released as he loses weight at the hospital. House gives Taub an hour to prove his theory. Taub goes to Brandon and tries to talk to him alone, but Heather realizes something is wrong and insists on hearing the truth. Brandon tells her how he’s been making money from drug trials, then concealed it from her to maintain her image of him. She insists that she loves him for who he is, and he tells Taub where the unsold paintings are.

As Chase prepares to perform the sympathectomy, Taub finds the paintings and determines that Brandon suffer from agnosia while painting only some of them: on the odd months. Those were the months Brandon was on the trial, but can’t account for the symptoms now. House realizes that Brandon was taking antacid before he took the drugs. He calls the operating room and tells them to conduct abdominal surgery to remove a bezor. Taub explains to Heather that there was a buildup of food that formed in Brandon’s stomach and absorbed the drugs, then started releasing them. With the bezor removed, Brandon is fined. Taub asks Heather if she’s happier knowing the truth, but before she can answer Rachel arrives to show Taub his car. He
sees it... and then says they need to talk.

Lucas is playing the piano at House’s apartment when House arrives. The detective explains that Cuddy didn’t accept the photo, and he didn’t get anything on Cuddy. Lucas has checked out House’s college on the Internet and discovered that the photo was real. He figures House to see Cuddy differently, and she didn’t believe it and couldn’t even conceive it was possible. As they play a duet, Lucas suggests he back off from romancing Cuddy and House jokingly asks if he would.
Birthmarks

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Samantha Quan (Nicole), Christine Healy (Janice), Scott Paulin (Bob), Jack Conley (Sheriff Costello), Diane Baker (Blythe House), Ho-Kwan Tse (Fang Dong We), Raymond Ma (Wu Zheng), Esther Kwan (Wu An Lan), Jonathan Palmer (Minister)
Summary: While en route to his father’s funeral, House must help the team with a differential diagnosis on a young Chinese girl who has collapsed under mysterious circumstances.

At a Buddhist temple in China, a woman, Nicole, and her translator approach a couple trying to obtain some birth information about her. They say they have no daughter. With no other choice, Nicole makes a wish which involves lifting a Buddha, making a wish, then trying to lift it again. If the wisher can’t lift it the second time, the wish will come true. Nicole can’t lift the Buddha the second time... and collapses, vomiting blood.

House arrives for differential after Nicole is brought to the hospital, and is going over information on his co-workers when he’s informed that his mother called, twice. House already knows she’s calling about the fact his father died but says he’s fine and starts on the case. Taub suggests that House call but House has deduced that he told his wife about his affair. House finally checks in with the patient, and her adopted parents come in. They’ve brought Nicole’s medications and are concerned about the fact she’s still drinking heavily. As House goes through the medications, he discovers licorice root and concludes that the Chinese doctors were treating her for SARS, which accounts for all of Nicole’s symptoms.

Cuddy comes in to House’s office to offer her condolences and administer IG shots for everyone who came in contact with Nicole. She already has a flight scheduled for House, and informs him his mother wants him to give a eulogy.

Nicole’s birth parents have brought her adopted brother and sister there and Kutner treats her while treating her for SARS. She wonders if House is okay from being in contact with her... and in his office, he collapses. Meanwhile, Nicole crashes and Kutner realizes her liver’s failing and it’s not SARS.

House wakes up to discover he’s in a car... with Wilson driving. House realizes that Wilson drugged him after House’s mother called him, not Cuddy. Wilson claims he’s not doing it because he cares, and keeps House down to one Vicodin, enough to keep him on a leash. House gets a call from the team and Wilson reluctantly lets him take it. Nicole had a clot in the hepatic vein and they sucked it out. Thirteen insists that Nicole is a smoker and drinker, which combined with a genetic defect would account for the clots.

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Kutner goes to treat Nicole, only to find that she’s gone. Meanwhile, House needs to pee and Wilson offers him a bottle. House calls his bluff and Wilson pulls over to a rest stop, but refuses to give him his cane. House starts to reminisce about the summer his father refused to talk to him, but refuses to lie to his mother by going to the funeral. House asks for his cane in return for the funeral and Wilson agrees. House promptly smacks his hand, knocking the keys into the sewer.

Kutner finds Nicole outside smoking. She asks for five minutes alone but he declines and starts taking blood. Nicole admits that she feels isolated by being adopted by a white family, and Kutner notes he was as well. As he starts taking blood, she starts bleeding uncontrollably and he gets her back inside.

Stuck at a rest stop, House talks more about his abrasive father while Wilson gets the keys out of the sewer. Wilson isn’t interested in hearing about it or providing any support or enabling. Meanwhile, Cameron is picking out a bouquet to send on House’s behalf, and Foreman suspects Nicole has a tumor. Chase doesn’t believe that House is okay with his father’s death.

On the road, Wilson also believes that House has feelings, until House claims he was adopted. He lays out all the deductions he made to conclude that his father isn’t his birth father, but Wilson assumes he’s deflecting again. When he spots a cop car up ahead, House jams his cane onto the accelerator and they get pulled over.

Taub and Kutner run a MRI test on Nicole and discuss Nicole’s adoption. Taub figures that Kutner likes her, but they spot something unusual on the MRI. Meanwhile, Wilson lied to the police about the fact House got him pulled over. The team calls House and reveals they’ve found a mass on the pancreas. The officer orders Wilson out of the car and handcuffs him, then orders House out as well, interrupting his attempts to differential by making a metaphor about steamrollers. They reveal there’s a warrant in Louisiana for Wilson’s arrest.

The team tries to decipher House’s steamroller metaphor, and Taub tries to get back to House or Wilson. House and Wilson are at the station and the police refuse to let him take his call. Wilson accuses House of not taking care of the charges of assault and vandalism at a medical convention in New Orleans. When Wilson mentions House is trying to avoid the funeral, Sheriff Costello takes an interest.

Foreman meets with Cameron and Chase to try and decipher House’s reaction to the information on the pancreas. They conclude she has gallstones... at the same time that the rest of the team figures out House’s metaphor indicated gallstones.

Wilson explains how he got into a fight over a jukebox song and after Wilson broke a bottle, House bailed him out so he’d have someone to talk to. Costello releases them, much to House’s dismay, and tells House to go pay his respects to his dead father.

Chase prepares to remove the gallstones but discovers that Nicole’s urine is brown: her kidneys are failing and it’s not gallstones.

Back on the road, House contacts his team and informs them he didn’t mean gallstones. He explains it’s a multiple cysts connected to all the related organs. Thirteen suggests injecting bubbles into the cyst to see where they go. Wilson finds the funeral home. Meanwhile, Nicole starts to go through the DTs.

Blythe House greets her son and asks him to do the eulogy for her: her husband’s dead and there’s nothing more for House to be angry at. Wilson is skeptical. Meanwhile, Kutner explains to Nicole’s adopted parents that they’ll need to paralyze Nicole, which will also get her through the DTs. Nicole’s parents say they’ve supported her all along and Nicole admits she’s given up on trying to get over her addictions, but Kutner says they need to worry about making her well first.

House still refuses to give the eulogy or acknowledge he has any issues. House spots the man that he believes is his birth father, and admits to Wilson that he informed his father about his deductions, which is why he didn’t speak to House for a summer. Blythe addresses the mourners and asks House to come up. After a few seconds, House finally gets up and says a moving eulogy... and takes a skin sample. Wilson has a whispered conversation to tell him to stop, but House refuses to give in. Wilson pulls him into the next room and House points out that Wilson enjoys it. He notes that Wilson isn’t ready for the worse, which is why Amber’s death hit him so hard and made him angry. He accuses Wilson of being afraid that he’ll lose House, and Wilson finally gets mad enough to break a bottle... again.

Later, House and Wilson go to a diner and House explains that he saw Wilson carrying a package at the medical conference: a package containing his first wife’s divorce paper. House
calls the team, who has discovered that Nicole has an advanced dilated cardiomyopathy. There’s a mass in the left atrium but they can’t confirm because the image is grainy. House concludes that it’s iron overload, and the iron is causing the grainy image. He tells them to do a MRI to confirm and then asks them for a phone number.

House calls Nicole’s translator in China and gets a description of the birth parents. The translator says that he doesn’t believe the couple was Nicole’s birth parents because of their reaction: the mother was frightened. House goes over the issue with Wilson, who realizes Nicole was born in 1983 but China introduced the one-child policy in 1979. The parents tried to kill her and the father took Nicole to an orphanage without telling his wife. They conclude she was given something toxic that was fat-voluble.

House gets back to the hospital where it turns out the team didn’t go through with the MRI because Nicole started vomiting. He notes that her attempt to lift the Buddha brought on her illness. He orders them to stop the MRI and then determines there are pins in Nicole, from her parents’ attempt to kill her. The monks at the temple have the Buddha statue rigged with a magnet to keep people from lifting it a second time. The magnet moved the pins in her brain and triggered her symptoms. Once they remove the pins, Nicole will be fine. Kutner tells her adopted parents and they ask him not to tell Kutner that her biological parents wanted her dead. Kutner reveals that the pins have been pressing on her addiction symptoms, causing her smoking and drinking over the years.

Wilson goes to see House in his office and finds him drinking. He shows Wilson the genetic tests: John House wasn’t his birth father. House admits he’s depressed that it doesn’t make any difference to him, and Wilson wonders if anybody gets to choose anyone, as their parents... or as their friends. Wilson says he’s coming back because House is right: he likes being around House, and their trip was the most fun he’s had since Amber died. They head out to grab something to eat... and House acknowledges that his dad’s dead.
Lucky Thirteen

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Michael Weston (Lucas Douglas), Angela Gots (Spencer), Al Damji (Paramedic), Helena Barrett (Woman With Thirteen)
Summary: Thirteen brings her one-night stand to the hospital after the woman has a seizure. However, the woman admits she slept with Thirteen so she could get to House and have him diagnose her condition. Meanwhile, House continues to pay Lucas to spy on Wilson.

Thirteen brings a woman, Spencer home with her and they have sex. Afterward, Thirteen goes to the bathroom and talks to Spencer in the other room. They're interrupted when Spencer falls out of bed, convulsing. Thirteen calls the EMTs who take Spencer to the hospital ER where Cameron admits her. Thirteen admits she doesn't know Spencer's name. Cameron brings the case to House, but he's busy playing a practical joke on Wilson. He goes into Wilson's office and finds him lying on the floor. House asks why Wilson was late and he claims he was meeting with someone for breakfast, but then eats a doughnut. Ecstasy doesn't account for the symptoms and House discovers that Thirteen knows about the case because she was with Spencer at 3 a.m.

In differential, House is interested in Thirteen's downward spiral and whether she was using drugs. Thirteen insists that Spencer has visited four other doctors who have found nothing, and she's just a hypochondriac who drinks too much. House orders Thirteen to take a bone marrow sample and goes along with her. Spencer cheerfully talks about her sexual affair with Thirteen.

House wants Lucas to investigate Wilson, noting he never eats a doughnut after a big breakfast. Lucas figures House is worried that something changed, but House tells him to check Wilson out.

Thirteen has discovered letters from Spencer to the hospital, and realizes she used her to get to House for treatment. Spencer admits she didn't expect Thirteen to be so aggressive. Thirteen prepares to discharge her but Spencer has a respiratory seizure. House now believes drugs are involved and Thirteen realizes that her place will need to be searched. She figures House will come up with a reason for her to stay there while he searches her apartment. She refuses to give him her keys so House takes Foreman. However, House has had Lucas make keys of all his team's apartments and lets himself in. House denies having Foreman investigated or having his key, then heads for the bedroom. Foreman notes that House knows very little about him. Foreman picks up a letter and pockets it while House finds no sex toys, indicating she doesn’t have regular sex partners. He also finds an asthma inhaler and a spider. He shows the team the
spider and notes the venom can cause respiratory problems. House also reaches into his pocket and removes the inhaler. Thirteen seems concerned until she sees what it is, and House figures she has something more incriminating to hide.

House orders Thirteen to check Spencer for spider bites. Thirteen says she wasn’t interested in anything other than a one-night stand, but Spencer flirts with her and suggests there was potential. They start to kiss but Spencer can’t feel Thirteen’s hand on her hips. Thirteen reports the new symptom to House and the fact she has low potassium that indicates kidney problems. House prescribes surgery to remove calcification from the kidneys and confirm the diagnosis.

House and Lucas watch Wilson as he plays video games in his apartment. Lucas spots an attractive blonde going into the apartment and to Wilson’s door. House doesn’t believe it but Lucas notes that things change.

As Taub and Chase find the calcifications, Foreman talks to Thirteen and gives him the letter. It reveals she has less time then they thought and suggests she should be working out. Thirteen insists she’s busy having fun and cramming as much into her life as possible, and dismisses Foreman’s concerns. On the operating table, Spencer has breathing problems but they can’t find anything in the lungs to indicate problems. They wonder if the airway collapsed and House orders a treadmill test.

Thirteen is administering an IV to herself when Cuddy comes in. Meanwhile, Foreman discovers from his family that House had Lucas investigate him. House admits he didn’t find anything... because Foreman hasn’t done anything interesting since he was 17.

Cuddy calls House in to inform him that she wants Thirteen to take a drug test or undergo suspension until she agrees to. House refuses to let Cuddy test his team and escorts Thirteen out... then tells her she’s fired for failing at her duties. He then visits Wilson to get caught up. Wilson admits that he met someone new: an ex-prostitute. She wants to go to law school and he plans to help her with her tuition. House is skeptical and Wilson notes he’s not in any position to be judgmental. House wishes him well and leaves.

Thirteen is going over Spencer’s case trying to find something to impress House with when Foreman comes in. He still thinks she’s acting stupid. She finds a dark spot on the x-rays that indicate a cyst. She goes to where Spencer has just collapsed on the treadmill when one of the cysts burst and revives her just in time.

House meets with his staff and orders the team to biopsy the cyst... and tells Thirteen she’s still not going to be on the team. He then meets with House and tells Lucas about Wilson and the prostitute. House wants Lucas to find something on the prostitute to get her to back off. Taub interrupts them with the results of the lung biopsy. House then goes to see Thirteen as she packs to leave and points out that she has sex with women to control them, so she can get close to controlling herself. He then shows her Taub’s report, which shows that Spencer has LAM and has no more than ten years to live. He suggests that Thirteen give Spencer the news, even though it has no bearing on getting her job back. She agrees and gives Spencer the news. They’ve removed the cysts, but they’ll inevitably grow back. Thirteen describes what she’ll go through and Spencer realizes she’s dying as well. However, as Thirteen leaves she sees that Spencer is blaming due to anemia.

Thirteen tells the team the symptoms and asks for the chance to work on the case. Anemia eliminates LAM, but they have nothing to work on so House orders tests for everything. As he runs the tests, Foreman asks Chase if he’s boring. Chase says that he is, and that he never takes chances or puts himself at risk. Meanwhile, Thirteen holds Spencer’s hand, then gets into bed and they kiss.

House insists that Spencer needs a bone marrow transplant but Thirteen warns that she won’t survive the graft rejection. House tells Thirteen to get Spencer’s consent, then returns to his office. Lucas is there and has Wilson’s garbage, which contains drug syringes. House goes to Wilson and tosses him the garbage: he’s figured it’s Wilson’s practical joke on him. However, House still wants to know where Wilson was the other morning. Wilson insists that it has nothing to do with House and they’ll still be getting together regularly. House says fine, but Wilson realizes that House will follow him no matter what so he tells House where to find him that night.

Thirteen gets Spencer’s consent and House points out she’s in a spiral of destruction that won’t end until she’s dead. However, until then he can use her: he gives her her job back. She realizes that he wanted her to spend time with Spencer so she could connect with someone. As she talks, House notices her cracked lips. Then he asks if Spencer cried when she got the
news she was going to die. Thirteen says no and House grabs an onion and goes to see Spencer. He cuts the onion but Spencer still doesn’t cry. House explains that she has Sjoegren’s, which caused infections that led to the anemia. The cracked lips were caused by infection but Thirteen only has the infection, not Sjoegren’s. Spencer will be okay.

As Thirteen leaves for the night, Foreman congratulates her but she admits she feels alone even though Spencer is still there.

Wilson goes to a baby store to help Cuddy pick out a crib. House has followed him and Cuddy explains that she’s adopting a baby. Wilson was testifying as a character witness the other morning and Cuddy didn’t want anyone to know until she received approval. She asks if House is going to congratulate her and he abruptly leaves.

Thirteen has brought another girl home for sex.
Joy

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Salvator Xuereb (Jerry Harmon), Joanna Koulis (Samantha Harmon), Vanessa Zima (Becca), Janice Allen (Sadie)
Production Code: HOU-506
Summary: An ailing man suffers from blackouts and sleepwalks, leading the team to wonder if his sleepwalking is a symptom, or how the man is becoming exposed to something else. When the man’s daughter grows ill as well, the team must provide a diagnosis before both die. Meanwhile, Cuddy adopts a newborn but when the birth mother displays a rash, she has to make a decision between putting the mother or daughter at risk.

Jerry Harmon is drinking coffee and wants his daughter Samantha to bring over a friend for her birthday. As she leaves for school, she tells him she isn’t interested and leaves. Jerry tries to find some coffee but discovers that his five coffee machines are empty. He gets a can of coffee from the cupboard, turns, and finds them all gone. His daughter comes in and tells him that she’s back from school; eight hours have passed without Jerry realizing it. He wipes his face... and finds himself in the living room with hours later and no idea how he got there.

Cuddy brings the case to House as he arrives but he’s more interested in pointing out that as a single mom she has little chance of adopting. She’s going to see the baby but he concludes she’s not defensive enough. The mother, Becca, is delivering in two weeks, and has used drugs in the past. House warns there’s probably something else wrong and notes that Cuddy isn’t equipped to handle a child. She leaves, telling him she’s not changing her mind.

The team goes over Jerry’s case while House starts a pool on how soon Cuddy changes her mind. The team sticks with the differential and Thirteen wonders if he was exposed to a toxin and House has Thirteen and Taub go to Jerry’s house, which has little decoration or ornamentation. Taub doesn’t think single parents should have kids, including Cuddy, but he also believes the traditional family is a fraud. They find mold along the baseboard and takes samples. At the hospital, Thirteen tests Samantha for mold and the girl says that they have no friends or do anything outside of the home. She’s indifferent to the death of her mother when she was four and says death is no big deal. Thirteen admits to Foreman that Samantha is weird, but as they talk they see Jerry waiting at the elevator. He keeps repeating that he has an appointment and has to go. Foreman checks his eyes and realizes that Jerry is asleep.
In differential, the team considers the new symptom of sleepwalking and House prods the team toward an answer while claiming he doesn’t have an answer himself. The mold doesn’t account for the symptoms and House eventually suggests they send Jerry home and see what he goes for his sleepwalking appointment.

Cuddy meets with Becca at a coffee shop and admits she hasn’t thought much about the baby’s name, although she’s considering “Joy.” Cuddy wonders why Becca chose her and Becca explains that her grandfather and father treated their wives badly, and Becca’s boyfriend Tony treated her badly. She read Cuddy’s bio and wants her child raised by someone who isn’t a loser. Cuddy notices a rash on Becca’s arms and the girl admits she’s had overall joint pain. Cuddy insists on getting her checked out.

Taub and Thirteen are watching Jerry when he starts sleepwalking and they follow him.

Cameron checks Becca but doesn’t determine anything worse than a heat rash. Cuddy orders additional tests but they show normal, and she admits Becca anyway and orders a full fetal wake up. House points out she’s acting irrationally and then throws baby vomit on her. Cuddy goes to change her sweater and House points out that if she can’t handle a stain, she can’t handle a baby.

Jerry is driving and Taub and Thirteen follow him in their car. He pulls up to a woman and exchanges something. They pull up to her but she tells them to leave, and Thirteen realizes she isn’t a hooker. They catch up to Jerry and find him with cocaine. The team wonders how Jerry started sleepwalking before he took the cocaine. House wonders if Jerry forgot and whatever was used to cut the cocaine caused the memory loss. He tells Taub and Thirteen to buy cocaine from the dealer, Sadie, and test it.

Cameron conducts an ultrasound and finds a pulmonary hypoplasia: undeveloped lungs. If the baby is born presently, it will die so they give Becca drugs to slow the labor. Cameron is forced to admit that Cuddy was right.

Thirteen and Taub find Sadie and she sells them the good stuff, but Thirteen wants the poorer grade stuff the dealer gives to her regulars.

Cuddy is packing when House visits her with some more insights. She’s not in a good mood because of the baby’s condition and he notes there’s no such thing as unconditional love. House insists that the baby would be better for Becca because at least she knows she isn’t a good mother. Cuddy orders him out and he gets a report from Taub that the cocaine was cut with lactose. House deduces that Jerry is lactose intolerant and orders them to give Jerry an allergy test.

As Cuddy treats Becca, Becca figures the baby’s lungs are because of the drugs and she wonders if Cuddy hates her. Cuddy notes that if Becca were perfect, she wouldn’t be adopting the baby. Becca admires Cuddy’s perfect life and then her heart rate increases and her placental wall breaks, causing vaginal bleeding. Cuddy describes the situation to House and he notes that if they deliver the baby now they save the mother but the fetus’ lungs won’t support life. If they wait, they put Becca at risk. House suggests Cuddy have Becca deliver now. When she agrees, he wonders if she’s serious and told her the wrong answer. He points out that her motives aren’t medical and some part of her doesn’t want the baby. Cuddy insists she’s telling Becca to take the safest route.

House goes to Wilson for advice but Wilson figures House is doing it just to upset Cuddy, who is moving on with her life and growing up. House doesn’t think much of his theory. Meanwhile, Taub checks on Jerry who can’t believe he did coke. Taub suggests he isn’t responsible but Jerry doesn’t accept that. As he goes over the charts, Taub notices blood on Jerry’s short: he’s bleeding from his pores. The best diagnosis the team can come up with is leukemia and House orders them to do a bone biopsy.

Cuddy advises Becca to wait, and the girl wonders if that’s her opinion as a doctor or as a mother. Becca doesn’t want to wait: she wants to be rid of the baby as soon as possible for her “stupid mistake.” Cuddy says she should keep the baby to break the cycle of the poor parenting of her mother and grandmother, but Becca insists on delivering.

Taub and Kutner take the bone marrow sample but Taub notices that Jerry’s legs are tanned, meaning it’s not leukemia. His kidneys are failing and his blood pressure is too low for dialysis. House orders them to test for vasculitis but Kutner warns that Jerry will need a kidney no matter what. House suggests they use one of Samantha’s but they need Cuddy’s permission since Jerry has an interest. House goes to the operating theater where Chase is removing the baby. House
insists that Cuddy's place is acting as an administrator, not a mother. Cuddy insists on staying and after delivery, finally the baby cries. House congratulates Cuddy then tells her she has to go work.

Cuddy goes over the procedure with Samantha but the girl is strangely apathetic. House refuses to proceed, saying he can't because Samantha is sleepwalking as well. They have to transplant to save Jerry but they can't risk it. Thirteen reports that the daughter has started bleeding from her pores and all they have left is a genetic disorder. Each test will take a week to run but they have no choice but to proceed.

House talks to Wilson to come up with an idea but Wilson points out that House lost on the pool and since Cuddy adopted, she won't go through post-partum depression because her dopamine receptors weren't stranded. House gets an idea and visits the patients. He says they'll be fine and they don't react. He concludes that their anhedonic, unable to feel pleasure or happiness. Jerry took cocaine because he subconsciously wanted to be happy. House realizes they lied: he asks Jerry his real name and Jerry finally admits he's Jamal Hammoud: he changed it when the U.S. invaded Iraq. They have Familial Mediterranean Fever, which causes all of the symptoms. House warns the treatment is problematic but orders them to receive the medication.

Cuddy paints the new baby's room that night while Jerry and Samantha receive treatment. In the morning, Jerry wakes up and is able to smile with happiness. A smiling Samantha is similarly recovered, and can now donate her kidney to save her father.

Cuddy visits Becca and tells her the baby is doing fine. Becca admits she was selfish and remembers Cuddy smiling at the baby. She realizes Cuddy would have done the right thing and wants to do the same, and wants to raise her baby. Becca refuses to reconsider.

As Cuddy looks longingly at the baby in the nursery, Samantha and Jerry share some happy moments together. Cuddy goes home and sits in the baby's room, alone, until House arrives. He says she can always find another baby but she doesn't want to go through the same thing again. He notes that she's giving up, again, and says she would have made a great mother. Cuddy snaps at her, noting that he's reversing himself again. He admits he doesn't know why he does it... and then they kiss. After a few seconds he backs off, says good night, and leaves.
The Itch

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Recurring Role: Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Todd Louiso (Stewart Nozick), Jennifer Crystal Foley (Rachel Taub), Jack J. Bennett (Fireman), Yoyao Hsueh (EMT), Frank Noel (Hal), Marcus Eley (Larry Ruseckas), Diarra Kilpatrick (Sally), Kelly Michaels (Guy), Jim Vickers (EMT #2)
Summary: The team must treat an agoraphobic who refuses to leave his house, and have to work around Cuddy, who is less than thrilled at having hospital equipment relocated. Meanwhile, House is plagued by an itch, and Cameron and Chase have relationship issues.

Stewart Nozick is lying in the hallway of his apartment, the floor covered with rose petals. EMTs break in and administer emergency treatment, then put him on a stretcher and take him out. Once outside, Stewart panics and rips himself free, runs inside, and slams the door shut.

Cameron tells House and his team about the case, including the fact Stewart has had three seizures and crushing headaches. House orders a scan but she explains that Stewart is an agoraphobe after he was shot and his girlfriend killed during a mugging seven years ago. Cameron met him as part of an outreach program, although House suggests she's trying to get back on the team. He notices Cuddy outside and goes to talk to her. She wants to talk about the night before when they kissed but he isn't interested. She thanks him for not taking advantage of her. Once back in the meeting, House boasts that he had sex with Cuddy so everyone figures he's joking. House suggests they provoke a seizure and locate the focus via EKG, then orders them to search Stewart's apartment.

Cameron takes the team to Stewart's house but he only lets one person come in to provoke a seizure while the others search the house for toxins. Cameron prepares to provoke a seizure and Stewart asks for a second. He recognizes her from the outreach program and when she tries to sympathize, he says he has everything he wants in the house and she doesn't know him.

Wilson comes to see House and figures out he actually did have sex with Cuddy. House plans to ignore her and is busy itching a mosquito bite. Wilson wonders why House hid it from him but House interrupts to take a call from the team, who have found nothing and haven't set off a seizure. As he lances the mosquito bite, House is interested in discussing Cameron and Chase's love life and the fact they're not engaged and only meet at Chase's place. When House determines that Stewart seized in the hallway, he decides to bring the outside to Stewart. House arrives with some patients from the ER looking for a house, and finds that only Taub is there.
House notes that he shouldn’t be there and takes the patients in to inspect the bedroom. Stewart feels stomach pains but the readings show it isn’t a seizure.

The team runs a differential and finds a partial small bowel obstruction. They need to do exploratory surgery for a biopsy of Stewart’s bowels but Stewart ordered them out. House warns Stewart that he has a blockage that could rupture his intestines but Stewart refuses to go outside. House compromises and suggests Chase come to the home to operate. Outside, Cameron objects and House explains they’ll have Chase come to operate, administer anesthesia, and then they’ll take him to the hospital. Cameron thinks it’s immoral but eventually gives in. Chase arrives and as they begin the operation, Stewart says Cameron is a good person. As soon as Stewart is out, they take him to the hospital.

Wilson meets with Cuddy in the cafeteria and she quickly admits she kissed House. She insists they’re just friends and Wilson wonders why she doesn’t get involved with House. Cuddy has given a lot of thought to the fact they’d eventually turn on each other and it would end badly. He notes that might not necessarily be bad. Cuddy says she’ll be more careful and gets a pager beep.

Cameron and Chase are bringing Stewart in and Cameron suggests they go to her place and he stay over. Chase is puzzled, but Cuddy catches them, aware that they took the surgical equipment. She brings them in and House is curiously passive as Cuddy notes it’s setting them up for a lawsuit. House notes he doesn’t care what happens as long as Stewart gets post-op. As they leave, Cuddy notes that House’s hand is bleeding from the mosquito bite but he disregards it. Meanwhile, Cameron wakes up Stewart so he doesn’t have a shock later. He panics and rips out the IV and starts bleeding from the neck. Chase returns and manages to get the bleeding stopped.

Stewart calls his lawyer and forces them to release him, and the lawyer now holds the health care proxy and they still don’t have a diagnosis. Cameron insists she made the right call but Cuddy takes them all off the case. Cameron wonders why House didn’t object but he figures it’s easier to ignore her and orders treatment for the blockage. Chase wonders why Cameron is pursuing the case when they’ve been taken off of it, and why she’s trying to get involved with House’s team again. She pointedly notes that she quit: Chase was fired.

Cameron goes to Stewart’s house and apologizes, then convinces him to let her in. Meanwhile, Wilson talks to House and says that things are different between House and Cuddy now that they’ve kissed. Wilson figures House is scared but House wonders why Wilson is so worked up about it. Wilson suggests that House should date her but House figure Wilson is trying to live vicariously through him and wants to make House miserable because Wilson is miserable.

Cameron reports the drugs aren’t working and suggests they do the surgery at Stewart’s home for real. They need a surgeon and Chase won’t go near it, so House asks Taub to do it and they begin with Kutner assisting. They remove the bowel for biopsy and determine he has Whipple’s Disease. As they prepare to cauterize a bleeder, they ignite gas buildup from the blockage. They put out the fire and put Stewart on antibiotics for the Whipple’s.

As Cameron goes over the case at Stewart’s house, Chase brings her coffee and suggests he stay at her place. She says he can’t because she’s working on Stewart’s case. Before they can pursue the matter, Cameron is called to Stewart’s bedroom: he says his legs are numb.

The paralysis eliminates Whipple’s as a diagnosis and Foreman concludes he has Celiac and isn’t absorbing nutrients. House tells them to force-feed Stewart wheat. The process is painful, and Cameron believes House ordered it to force Stewart to change his mind and come to the hospital. She says they can do a painless blood test but Foreman notes force-feeding is valid and they go ahead with both tests.

Wilson visits Cuddy and admits he has feelings for her. She agrees and offers to have dinner, and then suggests they just have sex in front of House’s office. She figures that Wilson is trying to make House jealous so he’ll have a relationship with Cuddy. She thanks him for the attempts...and tells him he’s an idiot.

Cameron suggests that Stewart has post-traumatic stress disorder and he says he’s had it ever since he’s been a child. The only thing that led him to go outside was meeting his girlfriend Angela.

House goes to see Taub as he runs the blood tests, and dumps out the blood. Taub figure House wants him to slow down the test and the increased pain will force Stewart to come to the hospital. He tells Taub to restock Stewart’s morphine with saline. When Taub wonders why he’d
do that, House says his wedding is on the rocks, which is why he's putting in the extra time. Taub says he's sleeping on the couch but will do it anyway.

At home, House sets up a propane tank to emit gas and smoke out the mosquito. The mosquito lands and House tries to hit it, knocking the tubing loose. He chases it into the kitchen where it lands on the stove. He tries to hit it again and turns on the flames. The propane tank explodes... and House wakes up from his dream. He goes to see Wilson, who thinks that House is imagining things and he itches his hand when he thinks of Cuddy. He suggests that House is afraid to try a relationship but House insists he isn't rationalizing. He goes to visit Stewart for another check and Stewart's heart stops. House calls the lawyer to inform him they have a medical emergency and they need permission to take Stewart to the hospital. The lawyer agrees but Cameron revives Stewart and tells House to cancel the ambulance.

Taub puts in a temporary pacemaker to stabilize Stewart's heartbeat but it's a temporary measure. House believes it's a poison and when the team says the house is clean, he asks Stewart how often he washes the tub, and if it's with bleach and ammonia. House figures the combination of chemicals make chlorine gas, and Stewart weight loss from stress is reducing the amount of fat to absorb the gas, causing his illness.

Cameron goes to Chase to see if he'll put in a permanent pacemaker at Stewart's home, but he refuses. He knew she knew he'd say no and asks what's wrong between them. When she refuses to discuss it, he says that he has them stay at his house because he can tell she doesn’t want him at her place. She kicks him out every morning and never offers him a drawer or closet space. He knows she's reluctant to get involved because of her husband but won't chase after her forever.

Cameron calls House to inform him that Stewart's signs are dropping. He tells Cameron to call Taub to get some morphine there, but Cameron realized House switched the morphine for saline and gave Stewart morphine. When House realizes Stewart was having abdominal pain even on the morphine, he checks the blockage on the x-rays. He goes to Stewart's house and shows her the x-rays, which show a bone mass that is actually lead. House opens up Stewart and reveals several pieces of lead. The hollow point bullets the mugger used hollow-point bullets and fragments lodged in Stewart's hip bone. They finally started to dissolve, causing all the symptoms. Cameron wonders if the lead poisoning caused the agoraphobia, but Stewart insists that he's fine and doesn't need to change. Cameron wants his life to be better but House says that Stewart is lying and he's not happy. The rose petals in the hallway, Stewart dropped them as he was preparing to go to his girlfriend's grave on her birthday. House tells Stewart to do something but don't believe his rationalizations.

Cameron confronts Chase and admits he was right, and that her husband's memory is still affecting him. She tells him she's cleaned out a drawer for him. They go to her apartment.

House is playing the guitar at home when he finally sees the mosquito. He prepares to smash it but then blows it away and decides to set aside his own rationalizations. He goes to Cuddy's house.

Stewart braces himself. . . and steps out of his house.

Taub's wife goes to him and they hug.

House looks at Cuddy from outside. She doesn’t notice him. He considers for a few moments, then turns and leaves.
Emancipation

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Chrissie Fit (Girl), Emily Rios (Sophia), Nathan Gamble (Evan), Liza Colon-Zayas (Maria), Alexandra Lydon (Melinda), Kyle Silverstein (Jonah), Bob McCracken (Doug), Al Coronel (Ray), Dawn Frances (Nurse), Jose Chavez (Sophia’s Dad), Yolanda Rubio-Soto (Sophia’s Mom)
Production Code: HOU-508
Summary: While Foreman takes on a pediatric case on his own, the rest of the team deals with a 16-year-old factory manager and emancipated minor who collapses at work. When Foreman’s patient takes a turn for the worse, he’s forced to question whether he can deal with the situation on his own, or if he needs House’s help.

Workers at a factory are discussing their relationship when their co-worker arrives: Sophia, a 16-year old. As she talks to the guy, Doug, Sophia clutches at her chest and falls onto the conveyer belt heading toward the press. They stop it just in time as she starts coughing up blood.

House comes into work and Wilson concludes that he didn't ask Cuddy out. When Wilson doesn’t comment, House suspects something is up. The team takes on the case and Kutner explains that Sophia is an emancipated minor working at the factory Foreman suggests Sophia is pregnant. Kutner doesn’t believe it, or that she’s taking drugs as Thirteen suggest. House orders Kutner and Foreman to do an echo and Foreman asks to be let go temporarily to do clinical trials. House refuses to let him, claiming that he might need him.

Kutner gives the echo test to Sophia and tries to let her know that he understands. She isn’t impressed but he notes that his parents died when he was six and he knows how she feels.

Taub and Thirteen go over Sophia apartment and find a bong. Thirteen is skeptical of Kutner’s trusting nature and Taub insists that some trust is necessary. Kutner suggests that Sophia needs steroids for vasculitis but House tells Foreman to put her on beta-blockers. Foreman tells the rest of the team to take care of it and leaves. Kutner administers the beta-blockers and Sophia claims the bong belonged to her ex. She admits they have no reason to trust her, and Kutner suggests she has vasculitis, but if she’s using drugs the steroids could kill her. She insists she hasn’t used drugs and Kutner goes to get the steroids.

Foreman goes to the clinic and Cuddy arrives to ask why he’s there. She’s not interested in overriding House and wonders if he’s trying to prove something. Foreman checks out a young kid,
Jonah, who is suffering from bloody vomit and diarrhea. His older brother Evan is surprisingly knowledgeable about medical procedure and thoughtful of his brother. Meanwhile, Sophia has a psychotic break and they sedate her, and Kutner admits that he gave her steroids.

The team stabilizes her and House blames Foreman for leaving it up to Kutner. Foreman suggests prinzmetal angina that caused an artery in the brain to spasm, and House reluctantly agrees, but orders Foreman to trigger an artery spasm. Foreman tells the team to set it up and page him when they’re ready to actually run the procedure. He returns to check on Jonah and has him swallow a camera. Evan convinces him to do it and Foreman notes that he didn’t treat his younger brother that nicely. Jonah starts giggling uncontrollably and Foreman has no idea why. He talks to Cameron and Chase and asks for a differential but Chase isn’t interested. He informs them it isn’t House’s case and they decide to look at it, but Chase warns it won’t be enough to prove anything. Foreman is called away as Kutner begins the procedure and talks about her parents being dead. Sophia’s arteries are fine but he’s able to tell from the blood flow that she’s lying. Kutner is angry at her but she says she told the truth about not using drugs but lied about her parents because her father raped her and her mother didn’t do anything about it.

Back in differential, House notes that the rape has nothing to do with the symptoms and therefore isn’t of interest to them. Kutner suggests she might by lying about the rape and House notes that she might be suffering from emotional stress, explaining the symptoms. House orders them to give her anti-anxiety drugs and to make sure Foreman did it.

House talks with Wilson and explains what happened but Wilson isn’t interested in giving opinions or insights. House is less than thrilled. Meanwhile, Chase and Cameron give a differential to Foreman but can’t come up with anything major, while Cameron notes that Foreman needs to focus on one case or the other. He ropes them into testing Jonah and goes to see Sophia where Thirteen is giving her the treatment. She apologizes and Thirteen suggests she file a police report on the rape. Sophia refuses, saying she doesn’t want to be labeled. However, Foreman realizes the drugs aren’t helping: her urine has turned brown.

Back in differential, they wonder if the shredded red cells indicate an infection, but it doesn’t correspond with her previous symptoms. House wonders about Sophia’s homemade furniture and Thirteen says that there were holes, indicating they were pressure treated. Sawing the lumber would have released arson into the air, and Foreman suggests they test her hair as it wouldn’t show in a blood test. He gets a page and leaves, raising House’s suspicions.

Foreman meets with Chase and Cameron, who reveal they haven’t found anything. Chase says that he needs more help then they can provide but Foreman doesn’t think they’re at that point yet. Jonah goes into cardiac arrest and they’re forced to revive him. Chase tells him they’re at the point.

Thirteen removes the arsenic from Sophia’s body with chelation and says she’s free to go in the morning. Sophia wonders why she doesn’t give her any advice. She finally gives in and asks Thirteen for her opinion, and Thirteen says that she’s strong and can handle things. Sophia has a seizure and House concludes that the arsenic was fighting what is killing Sophia and tells them to put it back in. They figure it’s acute leukemia but arsenic won’t cure it: she needs a bone marrow donor. Foreman comes in and House knows about Jonah. Foreman said that Jonah needs House but House isn’t interested. He tells Foreman that he wanted the case for himself, so now he has it. House confronts Wilson and figures that he’s not doing anything to force House to deal with it. Wilson simply shrugs and agrees and goes on his way.

As they conduct a biopsy, Thirteen tells Sophia that the odds of her finding a suitable donor are better if she goes to her parents. Sophia would prefer to die then involve them in her life. Taub lies and says he has Huntington’s, and says he’d do anything to stop it so he can make his life matter. Sophia asks if he’s been raped and when he says no, she tells him he can’t understand what she’s going through. Thirteen is angry that Taub lied to Sophia using her disease, and Taub points out Thirteen never relates to Sophia personally. Thirteen angrily insists that they contact her parents even though Sophia doesn’t want to, but House refuses. She says she plans to find Sophia’s parents.

Cameron and Chase meet with Foreman and Foreman points out that Foreman has got what he wished for. Chase wonders if the mother or brother are involved. Foreman notes Jonah shares everything with his brother and gets an idea.

Thirteen goes to talk to Sophia’s parents to test their suitability as bone marrow donors only to discover that their daughter Sophia is living with them...and it’s a totally different girl. Thirteen confronts Sophia, saying she stole Sophia’s identity. Sophia admits she did it to protect herself.
from her real parents and asks Thirteen to pretend she didn’t find the girl. Thirteen tells her to call the parents so they determine their donor suitability, but Sophia refuses and notes that when she gets sick enough, they’ll have to give her the transplant without parental consent.

Foreman has realized Jonah is suffering from an iron overdose: Evan gave his vitamins to Jonah. Evan is sorry but Foreman assures him that Jonah will get better and forgive him.

House arrives at work the next morning and the team has a partial match, but a partial could make it impossible for Sophia to receive a second donation if the first one fails. House tells them to treat Sophia no matter what. They note that she was rational first rather than emotional and House notes that it’s unusual and wonders if she lied because something worse happened then rape. He goes to see Sophia and asks her what happened. He asks why she doesn’t want pity and she insists she wants to be normal. He realizes she did something that makes her not want to live and asks what she did. Sophia refuses to answer, saying her parents won’t care. When House snaps at her, she finally admits she killed her brother: he drowned in the bath when she was watching him. House tells her that if she dies by refusing treatment her parents will hate her for sure and there’s one thing she can do to keep it from getting worse.

Sophia’s parents come in to help her. Jonah and Evan leave with their mother, who hugs Foreman as she leaves. Kutner looks on as Sophia is reunited with her parents and breaks down crying.

Foreman confronts House and says he’s going to do clinical trials, having proven he can handle two cases. House easily gives in and Foreman wonders why: House notes that before Foreman asked him, and this time he told House he was going to do it. As House gets in the elevator, Wilson gets in and finally says it was a nice thing he did for Foreman. Wilson explains that House needed to prove to Foreman he could handle it, but House points out it doesn’t work the same for him. They see Cuddy as they’re going out and House isn’t interested in talking about her. Wilson says that he’ll be okay.
**Last Resort**

**Season 5**

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Guest Stars: Wood Harris (Bowman), Tracy Vilar (Nurse Regina), Evan Peters (Oliver), Evan Jones (Bill), Marcus Chait (Mitch), Alex Sol (Larry), Sarah Thompson (Nikki), Natasha Gregson Wagner (Sandra), Zeljko Ivanek (Jason), Jack Guzman (Security Guard #1)  
Summary: A man takes over Cuddy’s office and holds House, Thirteen, and several patients hostage. His demand? A diagnosis. The man forces Thirteen to act as a guinea pig for his treatments and House has to end the standoff before a SWAT team opens fire.

At the clinic, a variety of patients are waiting for treatment. One man, Larry, wants migraine treatment but Thirteen tells him it’s not an emergency and he can wait. Foreman approaches her and asks if she wants to participate in his drug tests for potential Huntington’s cures. She tells him she isn’t interested and admits she isn’t doing anything to treat it.

One man, Jason, notices Cuddy’s office and sees House inside. He goes in to ask for Dr. Cuddy. House is going through Cuddy’s desk and tells him to leave. Jason goes out and takes out a gun. A minute later, House looks up as Jason ushers Thirteen, one nurse, and several patients into the office. Jason demands the best doctor in the hospital or he’s going to start killing people.

Jason forces his hostages to barricade the room and draw the blinds. House refuses to back down and notes that taking hostages is unlikely to go well. Jason has his medical files and says he can’t breathe, he’s tired, he gets skin rashes, palpitations, and insomnia. House wonders if Jason is having marital problems but Jason says he’s never been married. House then tries to borrow a match to administer a breath test. House warns Thirteen not to go through Cuddy’s desk and one kid, Oliver, provides a lighter. Jason is unable to blow it out held at arm’s length. House concludes he has pulmonary scleroderma, and an alkylating agent will solve it. House calls out to ask for propofol to test for scleroderma and Jason demands that Cuddy bring it in, recognizing her from her photo. Cuddy brings in the syringe but Jason tells him to give it to someone else. House notes that everyone else is ill but Jason notes that Larry isn’t on painkillers. Larry suggests Jason give the first dose to Thirteen and House notes she’s sick. House gives the injection to Larry and nothing happens. However, when House goes to give it to Jason, Larry passes out despite his larger body mass. Jason prepares to shoot House but House warns that Jason needs him. Jason shoots another patient, Mitch, in the leg instead.

Lt. Bowman of Princeton SWAT arrives and takes command. Cameron, Chase, and House’s team are working with the patients when House calls them for a differential. He relates Jason’s
symptoms but a disgusted Chase refuses to participate and walks out. The team comes up with various possibilities but they need to test. House has Foreman and Cameron run tests while Taub and Kutner check Jason’s apartment for neurotoxins. When Jason gives out his address, House realizes that Jason has an escape plan. House calls and talks to Bowman to get someone to pick up Jason’s blood samples. Jason notices someone outside by the blinds and orders everyone back when he sees SWAT officers outside. House notices that only Jason heard the men, indicating hyperacusis, which indicates nerve damage. He has Jason puff out his cheeks demonstrating left-side nerve weakness, indicating post-herpetic neuralgia. There’s a dangerous and painful test that only hurts if the diagnosis is wrong but Jason demands proof and agrees to it. Bowman gets two hostages in return for the medication but is reluctant to send Cuddy in. Cuddy instantly agrees and Bowman wonders if she has a stake in it. Cuddy insists she’s okay.

A teenager, Oliver, volunteers to take the shot even though it could cause muscle and nerve damage. House does a quick test and the husband of a pregnant woman, Bill, ends up last. He refuses to take the shot and Thirteen volunteers. House isn’t thrilled, noting it’s her Huntington’s speaking, but she insists and collapses in pain. House then gives Jason the shot while wondering why he’s so desperate to find a cure that he takes hostages. Jason suffers the same pain, indicating he doesn’t have neuralgia.

Taub and Kutner check Jason’s house and Kutner finds a photo of Jason with his mother. Foreman tests and determines there’s no blood infection. They’re left with a heart condition or cancer. Kutner notes that the photo of Jason’s mother suggests either an upper-lobe tumor or adrenal problem. Thirteen notices that Jason has a distended jugular, indicating a heart problem. Jason’s pulse is racing and Thirteen says they need paddles. House prepares to do a carotid massage but Jason refuse to let House get that close, since the paddles will cause his trigger finger to spasm. Thirteen suggests they cardiovert chemically and goes to get the drugs, and House notes Jason can shoot someone else if Thirteen doesn’t come back. Jason grabs Oliver and gives Thirteen 30 seconds. House and the hospital nurse, Regina, wonder if Thirteen will come back. Time runs out and Jason prepares to shoot Oliver, but Regina volunteers. He prepares to shoot her and she says Jason needs more time. Thirteen comes just in time but Jason insists that Thirteen take the first dose. House warns it will stop her heart to lethal levels but Thirteen gives herself the injection and collapses. Jason takes the show and House notices he’s only sweating on one side of his face: a tumor is pressing on his sympathetic nerves. House concludes he has lung cancer.

House calls Wilson for a consult and they check his throat. Jason displays dry throat, indicating cancer, but he insists on a CRT scan. Jason insists it’s his life and his body, and there’s a truth he’d rather know even if he has to rot in jail. House stops the scan and writes down the problem, then has Thirteen explain to prove they both know the problem and didn’t pre-plan things. The scan has a starburst artifact: the metal is messing up the scan. House tells him he’ll have to give up the gun to get is scan. Jason threatens him, and Nurse Regina and Bill run out, explaining that Jason gave up the gun.

House runs the scan and ignores the phone, while Oliver watches. He admits he’s curious and it should be safe now. House goes over the scan, ignoring Cuddy and Bowman’s attempts to call him, and he’s forced to reveal there’s no tumor. Jason thanks him but House, curious himself, gives the gun back to Jason to maintain the situation and get the answer.

House finally answers the phone and tells them Jason got the gun back. Thirteen accuses House of being a coward for refusing to accept he can’t find the answer, but he accuses her of being a coward for giving up on living. Oliver wants to go but House says they might need him. Outside, Bowman wonders if House is lying but Cuddy disagrees. Bowman starts to set things up for an assault.

House calls the team again and Foreman walks off, realizing Chase was right. The team toss out possibilities and House notices that Jason is now losing hearing in his right ear. Cushing’s Syndrome accounts for all the symptoms, even the risk-taking. House calls Cuddy requesting a
drug to provoke a respiratory reaction to confirm Cushing's. Bowman refuses to negotiate but Jason releases Oliver and agrees not to test the drugs on Thirteen. Oliver gets out and Cuddy delivers the drugs over. Jason tells House to give it to Thirteen, and admits that he lied to Bowman. He believes that Bowman might have slipped in fake drugs even if House wouldn't. Thirteen injects herself before House can object. Jason asks her how long she has to live and she admits there is no cure. Convinced, Jason takes the injection and admits that at least there was an upside to his risks: she isn't gaining anything. Jason's breathing doesn't change but Thirteen collapses as her kidneys shut down.

House calls his team and Cameron suggests that the various medications Jason has received may be protecting his kidneys. House slaps Jason and spots a twitch, indicating a calcium deficiency. Drugs that cause calcium deficiency also protect the kidneys. House tries to add up all the symptoms and Cameron suggests it's meliodosis. The disease requires exposure in a tropical environment and the history doesn't indicate that... until Jason admits he's been to Florida. House has the disease but Bowman refuses to give them the cure. Jason offers to release House as a hostage and House realizes Jason plans to give the drug to Thirteen. House volunteers but Jason points out that Thirteen is the one on the same drugs he's been taking. Thirteen tells House to go: either way she'll die.

House walks outside while Thirteen wonders if Jason will feel bad about killing him. He says that she wants to kill herself but needs someone else to do it for her. The SWAT teams move in and plant a frame charge on the wall. Thirteen tries to inject herself but hesitates, saying he has to trust people. Jason prepares to shoot her and Thirteen tries to inject herself... and stops, saying she doesn't want to die. Jason grabs the syringe and injects himself, and the SWAT team blasts themselves in, knocking Jason and Thirteen to the floor. The police haul Jason away and House wonders why Thirteen is still alive. She explains that Jason spared her, and outside Jason and House exchange a look of understanding.

Thirteen begins a one-week regimen of temporary dialysis and Foreman apologizes for leaving the diagnosis. She asks if she can participate in the drug trial.

Cuddy surveys her devastated office when House comes in. He explains the test confirmed meliodosis and she snaps at him, wondering if that's all he cares about. He points out that Jason would have been dead if they hadn't, and she helped him. She wonders if she screwed up because of their non-relationship, and he notes that the only change would be to have a relationship. She wonders if he wants a relationship and he denies it, saying he was just trying to follow her logic. As he leaves, she pulls out the desk drawer and it breaks off: House's prank from earlier finally goes off.
Let Them Eat Cake

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Guest Stars: Samantha Shelton (Emmy), Becky Baeling (Deedee), Brad Grunberg (Irv), Lori Petty (Janice), David Lengel (Video Director), Nicole Cannon (Nurse Helen), Christopher Stapleton (John Hadley), Julia Putnam (9 Year Old Thirteen), Danielle Petty (Anne Hadley)
Summary: The team take on the case of a fitness guru on an all-natural diet who collapsed while filming a video. Meanwhile, Foreman conducts Huntington's Disease drug trials and Thirteen signs on as a subject, Cuddy is forced to move into House's office, and Kutner uses House's name to run an online medical-advice website.

Fitness guru Emmy is filming a commercial at a stadium while her overweight clients exercise behind her. One of them collapses and Emmy helps him up and tells the others to keep running. She insists on exercising with them so it looks real. She runs with the man up to the top... and then collapses, falling down and breaking her ankle.

Cuddy catches House in the elevator and gives him the case, and informs him that she'll be sharing his office since the recent hostage situation destroyed it. House meets with Kutner and Taub, since Foreman and Thirteen are in the clinical trials. Kutner is familiar with Emmy and suggests allergies. Cuddy, in the office, points out the flaw in that differential and suggests that cold air and exercise is setting off asthma. House notes that there's no high blood pressure and gets Taub and Kutner out... and tells them to check Emmy for asthma by recreating the conditions of how the attack occurred.

As Thirteen waits for the clinical tries in the waiting room, she sees a female patient with advanced Huntington's, and remembers her mother having the disease when she was a child.

Taub and Kutner take Emmy to the refrigerated morgue and have her exercise. She insists on exercising and Taub wonders if she ever indulges. She says she never does... and then collapses.

Foreman conducts tap testing on Thirteen, who insists on talking about how she shouldn't be there when there are others. Foreman insists she's just there because she has Huntington, and tests again after telling her not to talk. She keeps talking and he finally confirms that she's suffering nerve degeneration.

Cuddy is playing with House's ball, irritating him, and he says they should split the desk. She readily agrees and he warns her that being nice won't work. Taub and Kutner report about Emmy's new condition and that her heart stopped. Asthma isn't responsible for her symptoms. Kutner suggests a carcinoid tumor strangling her system and House tells them to find it and cut it out.
As Kutner and Taub scan Emmy, Kutner asks for Taub’s input on a leaking breast implant that might cause join pains. Kutner explains that he’s set up a web site that provides medical advice and second opinions. Taub wonders if Kutner wouldn’t mind if he told House, and Kutner admits he set it up in House’s name. Taub threatens to tell House unless he gets a 30% cut. They’re interrupted when they discover that Emmy has a shrunken stomach: she’s had stomach stapling.

House finds an old photo of Emmy showing she was fat, and then had the photos pulled from her records. Their conversation interrupts Cuddy, who is on the phone. House tells them to treat her like a fat girl and Kutner wonders if she had Type 2 diabetes. House tries to embarrass Cuddy on the phone but she refuses to flinch and takes the call outside. Kutner suggest sleep apnea that cut off the trachea and House insists it isn’t apnea. He goes to where Foreman is conducting private tests with Thirteen. Thirteen is seemingly eager for the distraction and suggests side effects from the gastric bypass, leading to low potassium. House notes her potassium is fine but Kutner suggest that the bypass could have created a closed loop of intestines that caused bacteria, leading to sepo. House tells him to check her feces. Foreman points out they could have done the diagnosis anywhere but House says that it helped.

Taub explains the procedure and notes that Emmy is a hypocrite for not using the procedures she sells to her clients. She defends herself, saying she doesn’t tell them to get surgery and she tried everything else she could but only gastric bypass surgery worked, and then she was happy. Taub wonders if she really is healthy and says that if she is, it’s because she’s pretty.

Wilson talks to Cuddy who defends her decision to share Cuddy’s office. However, he accuses her of taking House’s office just to be close to House. She orders him out.

As Kutner and Taub test Emmy’s feces, Kutner says that Deedee, the person with the breast implants, is going to complain to the licensing board if he doesn’t come up with an answer. House comes in, just missing the conversation, and tosses the sample in water to see if it floats. The lack of flotation means no sepo and the possibility of apnea. He tells them to watch Emmy overnight. As Kutner and Taub argue, they miss her getting up and going to the exercise room. She’s running on a treadmill and says she feels great. She doesn’t feel any pain from her broken ankle, or notice the bleeding. Taub pricks her with a syringe and she doesn’t feel that either.

It’s back to differential as Kutner and Taub confirm that the EEG eliminates the apnea diagnosis. They return to House’s office only to discover that Cuddy has "accidentally” spilled hydrogen sulfide, stinking up the place. She leaves for the night and wishes them well as they have to stay there all night to deal with the patient. They move to the hallway but Foreman is called away. Thirteen tells him to wait and he notes she missed the last session. She says she’ll be along, then suggest MS. House notes there are any number of possibilities involving her nerves and they need to run a NCV test to determine where the problem is.

Taub administers the NCV test and says he isn’t interested in Emmy’s rationalizations. She admits that if she was honest about the bypass surgery, no one would believe her but she wants to help people. She asks if he’s done anything hypocritical and when she sees that her comment scores, says that he probably had good reasons too. She tries to lift her arm but is unable to do so, meaning the problem is with her muscles, not her nerves, and the NCV test is unnecessary.

Foreman goes to the waiting room but Thirteen isn’t there. Kutner and Taub are in the elevator discussing the case while a woman with tattoos and piercing stands behind them. She tells them she’s going to see House and she’s been e-mailing with him about her breast implants. Now she’s losing her hair. They quickly close the elevator doors before House sees her and get her to the ER. Taub figures she has a staph infection from the piercings and tattoos. They go back to see House, who wonders why they took so long. Kutner suggests that House give up the office but he goes in and smashes Cuddy’s new toilet. He then suggests chelation treatment for whatever toxins Emmy may have.

Thirteen arrives home to find Foreman waiting for her. He admits that she thought she was becoming self-destructive again, but only confirmed that she’s been following all of his instructions. He asks why she can’t show up for appointments and she says that she came down but there was another patient, Janice, in the waiting room. She doesn’t want a visual reminder of what she’ll eventually be going through. Foreman tells her either to show up or not to show up at all. As he goes, Thirteen remembers back to when she was a child when her father said her mother was leaving but Thirteen refused to leave her room.

The team meets on the stairs for a new differential once the chelation doesn’t work. When
Taub wonders why they're not meeting in House's office, he notes that Cuddy responded to his action by taking out all of the furniture. He's also interested that Thirteen is leaning away from Foreman. Foreman insists everything is fine and suggests Austrian's syndrome from alcoholism. House notes that Emmy doesn't drink and the tox screen didn't show alcohol anyway. First Kutner and then Taub get a page and both claim the call isn't important. Taub suggests Guillain-Barre, which leads from muscle weakness to total paralysis. House orders plasmapheresis treatment.

Taub and Kutner finally respond to their page and discover that Deedee is uncontrollably singing. Cameron tells them to bring in House because she must have a rare brain disorder. When she notes that Deedee is bleeding from the ears, she tells them to get House.

Taub explains to Emmy that she has Guillain-Barre and refuses to let her take a wheelchair when she's still strong enough to walk.

Kutner meets with Cameron and Chase in the cafeteria and tries to get some input. He finally comes up with a bilary tumor causing paraneoplastic syndrome and Chase agrees. He also agrees to test for it... as long as Kutner pays him 25% of his website earnings.

House is planning out his strategy to get back at Cuddy by replacing her toilet with a bidet. Wilson points out that the renovations will take longer, meaning Cuddy will be in House's office longer. He tells House to just ask Cuddy out.

Emmy starts hallucinating, believing her patients have come to visit and sit on her now that they know she's lying to them. House goes to his office, now empty of furniture, for a new differential given the new symptoms. Thirteen leaves for her appointment, suggesting it's CNS lymphoma. Taub suggests a prion disease but House notes if that's the case there's not much they can do. House orders a brain biopsy but Cuddy overrides him, suggesting they test for CNS lymphoma non-invasively first. He orders Kutner and Taub to run the non-invasive tests and then confronts her, saying she's overriding him because she has the hots for him. She accuses him of having the hots for him. She says that they're supposed to kiss now, but he points out they've already done that. Instead he grabs her breast. She admits she's an idiot for being surprised and walks off.

Thirteen arrives at the waiting room and sees Janice. Foreman says he can't reschedule and Thirteen might as well get to know her. As Thirteen looks at Janice, she remembers being in her bedroom as a child and watching her father take away her father. She then goes over and meets with Janice.

Taub has eliminated CNS lymphoma and Emmy asks to stop by the cafeteria for chocolate cake. He tells her not to give up and she wonders what they're hoping for. He admits that prion disease is next on the list and that it's bad. She says she might as well have a piece of cake and he agrees.

Later, Taub goes to House's office and tells him that Emmy tested negative for CNS lymphoma. He notices that the furniture has been returned. House asks Taub about his affair and if he was happy during it. Taub admits that superficially he was but deep down he was miserable. House notes he wasn't miserable, because he rationalized getting something for giving something. Taub, bemused, goes to get Cuddy's permission for the brain biopsy. House interrupts him, saying he'll do it himself. They go to Emmy's room and find her exercising.

With the new "symptom," it's back to differential and House doesn't believe someone could get better. Taub says the last thing he did was administer a MRI and then they went to the cafeteria for chocolate cake. House notes he's an idiot and takes a chocolate cake to Emmy. She's feeling worse again and serves her a piece of cake. House explains that she has hereditary coproporphyria which causes a lack of a vital enzyme to the liver. The treatment is a high-carb diet and sugar. Once they reverse the bypass surgery and she fattens up, she'll be fine. Emmy wonders if there's anything else they can try and Taub says there's a drug that manages the symptoms. She agrees to the drugs and refuses the surgery. House understands that she's rather be pretty than healthy.

Taub admits to Kutner that he's disappointed that Emmy is just as superficial as most other people. They go to see Deedee and a nurse informs them that she died and was moved before they could be reached.

Cuddy returns to her newly renovated office with Wilson, talking about how House isn't capable of intimacy. She sees her desk and realizes it's not the desk she ordered, but her desk from med school that she had in storage. She thinks about it and realizes who put it in there.
Thirteen admits to Foreman that she lied to him: Janice reminds Thirteen of her past, not her present. She admits that she wanted her mother to die after she lost her facilities in the last stages of Huntington’s and yelled constantly at her. She never said goodbye to her mother, who died with Thirteen hating her. Foreman hugs her.

Kutner and Taub go to the morgue and Kutner berates himself for not taking more time. House arrives and says he’s going to kill them, accusing them of being frauds and idiots who got a woman killed. He says that Deedee could have been treated and then wonders if it’s not too late. He climbs up on her and applies CPR, and she comes back to life. Kutner and Taub jump back in terror... and House and Deedee burst out laughing. House set the whole thing up, and hired Deedee for two days to pretend she was the client. Kutner offers to take the website down, but House says to keep it up in return for 50% of the profits. As they go to work, Deedee points out that House still has three hours left.

Cuddy goes to House’s office to thank him... and see him with Deedee. She turns around and leaves
At a school academy Christmas pageant, a group of older students are planning to embarrass the teacher over the reluctance of one girl, Natalie. They go out on stage and start singing, and Natalie starts to get dizzy. She sings out the teacher's name when the others stop, and then she collapses, vomiting.

Natalie goes to the clinic where Cuddy turns the case over to House and his team, saying that Natalie's liver is failing. House notes Foreman's vacation and that Cuddy keeps coming to him. She says it isn't and walks out. As they return to the case, Taub find a Christmas present for House but House angrily throws it away even though it's a valuable antique medical text. He wonders if the other students pranked Natalie and slipped her something. Chase and Kutner talk to the students and they eventually admit they slipped her some mushrooms. The boy who supplied them, Simon, didn't think they were dangerous but Chase notes that they can be if not prepared properly.

Foreman is checking up on Thirteen, who asks him what happened with his patient Janice. He says she dropped out of the trials but didn't say why. He tells Thirteen that she's improving and as she goes, she leaves him a thank-you present for Christmas.

Kutner and Taub got the school to get the mushrooms and discuss what House is up to, and figure it's legitimate. They go through Natalie's locker and find a bottle of painkillers. Cuddy asks Natalie why she was taking so many painkillers. Cuddy admits she doesn't have any kids and
Natalie says she’s overweight and the other kids hate her. Cuddy tells her to forget them and then talks to their parents, who insist Natalie didn’t take the pills. However, Mrs. Soellner admits that Natalie has changed in the last year and finally agrees to have Cuddy give them the treatment for an overdose of the painkillers.

Kutner and Taub go to Wilson and describe the present, and he recognizes it. He admits it came from Irene Adler, a patient in 2001, who House saved after a desperate effort... then admits he’s lying to them and he recognizes that it’s a present that he gave to House a year ago. They’re called away when Natalie’s heart problems and high blood pressure. Cuddy goes over the case with House and he points it out, but Taub admits they called her in because Foreman is busy. They go back to differential but Taub goes along with House’s gag and suggests that Cuddy gave him the present, and he thinks she loves him. House refuses to discuss it but Taub plays along and tells House to tell Cuddy he loves her. House quickly figures out they’re on to him, remembers that Natalie volunteers at a homeless shelter and orders Taub to do an anal swabbing at the shelter.

House confronts Wilson, who wonders why House didn’t open his present. He also wonders why House gave himself an imaginary present and figures the holidays are hard for House because he can’t have a meaningful relationship. House thinks Wilson is trying to goad him into being nice to his patients, but Wilson says he isn’t and even if it was he wouldn’t worry. House admits he needs to stop being a jerk... and steals Wilson’s ice cream.

Thirteen goes to see Janice and asks if she can help. Janice says that she told Foreman the injections were making her ill and he told her to get over it. She refuses to be Foreman’s guinea pig.

Taub meets with House and tells him a worker at the soup kitchen had tuberculosis and the symptoms match with what Natalie has. House orders standard treatment and then goes into the clinic for duty. He starts acting sympathetically with the first patient, Whitney, and realizes she’s pregnant. Whitney wasn’t aware she was pregnant and House quickly loses his patience when she claims she’s a virgin.

As Natalie undergoes treatment, she starts to spasm due to brain problems and Cuddy concludes it isn’t TB. House is back to differential and Cuddy is there again, and he wonders why. Cuddy says she cares for Natalie and House wonders if she does so because of the baby she lost. Kutner suggests a mold allergy to the mushrooms and House orders a prick test and anti-fungals.

Thirteen talks to Foreman about Janice and brings up the nausea. She suggests Foreman apologize but when he refuses, she accuses him of acting like House. When Foreman stands by his decision, she says he is House.

Whitney arrives with her fiancé Geoff and Whitney insists she didn’t have sex. Geoff demands a paternity test and Whitney agrees to it. Meanwhile, Kutner and Taub give Natalie her test and suggests she talk with them. She says she’s okay and works on her homework, noting that Simon brought it. Kutner calls security to hold Simon and demands to know what he did. Taub pulls him off and suggests Kutner is projecting his personal issues from being bullied in high school. Simon says that they used to be friends but he stopped when people made fun of him. He says that Natalie used to drink a lot ad he bought her alcohol with a fake ID until Natalie got her own. Cuddy confronts Natalie and warns that they can’t get her on the transplant list if she’s alcoholic. Natalie says she hasn’t drunk in six months and bought the bottles without opening them, so she could still talk with Simon. Cuddy wonders why she stopped buying alcohol and Natalie doesn’t have an answer. Cuddy explains that she initially didn’t want children because of her screwed up relationships, but she changed as she got older.

House meets with Anna, a woman with asthma, and tries to be nice again. Anna demonstrates how she uses her inhaler... by spraying it on the outside of her neck. Anna storms out a moment later and Cuddy arrives to explain she thinks Natalie either wants to die or the attention that comes with it. He proscribes benzos for the seizures which just happens to be the same treatment for alcoholism. House then goes to see Whitney and Geoff and sees something shocking in the paternity test. He tells them to stay and walks out.

Foreman asks his partner, Dr. Schmidt, about whether he should pursue the case with Janice. She notes that they can’t view the patients as people, only numbers. Foreman explains that a friend of his has the disease and she says she doesn’t want to know: they can’t afford to care and the test is a double-blind. He’s not sure if he can be that detached but Schmidt says that’s why she chose him: because he worked for House and she figured Foreman understood that.
Natalie flat lines when her heart stops and Taub revives her. Meanwhile, House returns to Jeff and Whitney and says that she didn’t cheat on Jeff. The baby only has Whitney’s DNA: parthenogenesis in Whitney caused by a calcium spike lead to her pregnancy, even though there’s never been a documented case. In seven months she’ll have a miracle birth.

Back in differential, House starts to explain about Whitney but Cuddy tells her they need to put Natalie on a pacemaker. Alcoholism would cause a heart rate increase. There’s a high alk phos rating, suggesting leukemia, and they take it to Wilson who confirms it’s possible. House orders testing and Cuddy wonders why he doesn’t want to treat her. House wonders why she’s so concerned and leaves it up to her. Wilson warns that there’s nothing they can do and even a double transplant won’t save her. Cuddy orders the biopsy.

Foreman goes to visit Janice and says he can put her in a separate trial with a drug that won’t cause nausea. He gives her the forms and leaves.

An increasingly panicked Cuddy goes to see House and wonders if they’ve overlooking something. He points out that patients die every day and she can’t afford to get worked up about all them. As he goes through his desk he finds a present from Whitney. He tells Cuddy about the supposed parthenogenesis and she notes the testing machine was down. House explains he faked the whole thing and then tosses his present to Wilson and says he won by proving he was nice to a patient and she thanked him. Cuddy is surprised but Wilson admits he was trying to be nice. Cuddy realizes that the seizures and liver failure indicate eclampsia, meaning Natalie was pregnant and her fetus is dead.

Cuddy explains to Natalie and her parents that she has eclampsia, and you can get it up to a month after giving birth. Natalie quit drinking when she discovered she was pregnant, and concealed it. Natalie admits Simon is the father and he doesn’t know about it. She was worried the other students would find out, but when it stopped breathing she left it at a house near the soup kitchen. Cuddy admits the damage to the heart and liver are permanent and there’s nothing they can do. Natalie admits she just put her coat over the baby and left her.

Cuddy goes to the abandoned apartment where Natalie left her dead baby. She finds a squatter living there and he tells her to leave. A woman comes in holding a baby and Cuddy realizes the woman isn’t the mother. Cuddy wants to get the baby for treatment and says the woman has to let her go. Cuddy returns to the hospital and brings the baby to Natalie. Natalie holds her child and Simon arrives, and Kutner tells him to go in.

Kutner goes to the hospital Christmas party, clearly upset, and tells the others about what happened and that Natalie only has a couple of days left. The daughter is being kept for observation and could end up with Simon. Kutner then goes to see a man, Jonathan, and apologizes for bullying him in high school.

House visits Cuddy as she watches over the baby. She explains that the grandparents are putting the baby up for adoption, and she’ll adopt it. House wishes her a Merry Christmas and leaves.

Thirteen visits Foreman and admits she was wrong and he’s not House. Foreman says he got Janice on the trials as a Christmas gift to her, and proved he wasn’t House as a gift for himself. She suggests they go to the party but they embrace and kiss.
A man, Jeff, is at home writing an apologetic note. He leaves his wedding ring on it and then goes to the closet and picks out clothing. His wife Lynne and son Zack are stopping off at home to get Zack's hockey stick for practice. They open the garage door and find Jeff in the car, unconscious, with the car running. Lynne tries to revive him and he wakes up, saying he couldn’t take the pain any more.

House is at home in the bath tub clutching at his leg in pain. The next day he arrives at the hospital and Cuddy tells him he owes Cameron a favor for filing his budget reports for him. House objects but Cuddy tells him to work it out with Cameron: she has a DYFS home visit to prepare for. Cameron brings Jeff’s case to House and his team and notes that he has plenty of painkillers in his drug cabinet. House figures she’s trying to teach him a valuable life lesson. Taub thinks Jeff has mental issues and notes that none of his doctors have found anything wrong with him. House tells them to run a pain profile and check out Jeff's home.

Taub talks to Jeff, Lynne, and Zack, and Jeff says he isn’t depressed. Foreman and Thirteen check out the house. Foreman notes that Thirteen has been avoiding him since they kissed, but she claims she’s been busy. He asks her out to dinner but she says no and informs him she doesn’t want to kiss him again. She admits she likes him but it doesn’t make sense to get involved with anyone. Thirteen doesn’t feel she can handle dragging anyone down with her. They find wild quail in the freezer.

Back in diagnostic, Thirteen thinks the quail is responsible but Taub disagrees. House doesn’t think Jeff's depression has led to his pain. Taub recommends antidepressants and notes they're not diagnosing Jeff’s family... or House. House has Thirteen do biopsies of Jeff's muscles and then leaves. Thirteen and Kutner do the biopsies but Jeff starts feeling more pain and he arrests.
House is at home trying to sleep when the phone rings. He ignores it and takes some more Vicodin. The team notes that Jeff is getting worse, and House finally calls them back, having already deduced that Jeff was having further problems. House tells them to check for tumors, hangs up, and then notices water dripping from the ceiling. He knocks on it with his cane and the ceiling breaks down, dumping water on him.

As they run tests, Kutner asks Taub if he knew someone who committed suicide. Taub denies knowing anyone and just objecting to a rationale for suicide on general principles. They spot indicators on Jeff's diaphragm.

The next morning, House calls in a plumber, Fernando, who says it's negligence and insurance won't cover it. The pipe was pulled apart and runs to House's shower.

As Foreman tests Thirteen as part of the clinic trials, he points out again that she can't shut people out. Thirteen points out that his patient is dragging down his family. Taub and Kutner report that there's air leakage in Jeff's intestine and House won't answer his calls. Foreman orders an angioplasty to find the vascular blockages and prevent another cardiac arrest. Thirteen eagerly volunteers to go with them to get away from Foreman.

House arrives in the office and Foreman tells him the test results. House doesn't believe the air caused Jeff's ailments and realizes where the air came from. He goes to Jeff's room and traces the IV tube. He finds where Jeff blew into his IV tube to try and kill himself. Jeff admits he lied and wants them to let him die. House refuses to grant him his wish.

The team puts him in a hyperbaric chamber and Cuddy has them report to her home where she's tending to her baby, Rachel. She notes that House hasn't showered in a while. Thirteen suggests Jeff is suffering from non-motor seizures, indicative of McCardle's, and Foreman agrees. House orders tests in case they're right.

Janice is at the clinic and is doing better. She thanks Thirteen for getting her back into the study and says that she was switched to be back-to-back with Thirteen's appointment just this morning.

Kutner tests for McCardle's and advises Lynne and Zack that Jeff can recover with treatment. Jeff tells his wife and son to get out since the tests are all that he can handle. Taub tells him not to be an ass and Jeff says Taub has no idea what he's going through. Jeff suddenly has new pain in his leg.

Thirteen confronts Foreman about assigning Janice's appointment so she could see some positive results of the treatment. Foreman says he's not responsible for scheduling and this was the first he had heard about Janice improving.

House is looking for the name of a lawyer as Kutner and Taub report to him about the new symptom. House goes with the lawyer that Kutner used when he set a patient on fire, Chris Charrick. Kutner jokingly suggest they cut off Jeff's head to see if the pain goes away. House calls Cuddy to her office and forces her to do her job to get her permission to separate Jeff's central nervous system from his body. That way they can determine if the pain is coming from his brain or his body. Cuddy warns that it's dangerous but House notes Jeff will definitely kill himself if they don't come up with a cure. Cuddy gets a page and leaves, telling him to do what he thinks is right.

The next morning, Cuddy is at home and discovers that her babysitter is running late. The DYFS inspector shows up an hour early on her doorstep.

House drops in on Jeff as he undergoes treatment to isolate his central nervous system. Jeff notes that House is there in the hope that they might find a cure that he can use as well.

James Carlton, the DYFS inspector, goes over Cuddy's house and notices ants, and the fact she hid diapers in her briefcase. However, he says that everything looks fine, all things considered, and he'll see Cuddy in a year.

Jeff says he's feeling a lot better but House thinks that the problem in Jeff's brain is still there. As the team goes over the result, Kutner's lawyer Carrick comes in and tells House that he'll sue him the next time that House uses his name in a threatening e-mail to a plumber. Thirteen wonders if the spinal block caused a placebo effect. They're interrupted when they get pages that Zack has collapsed suffering from pain. House realizes he's faking and tells Jeff to give him the bottle of isopropyl he drank while Zack tried to provide a distraction. Zack tells them that Jeff isn't his dad anymore and Jeff just wants it to be over with.

With their most recent treatment a failure, there doesn't seem to be anything else. House concludes that whatever injury caused the original pain healed, and the only thing left is the
drugs. He suggests that the opioid treatment altered Jeff’s pain receptors. He has them take Jeff off the current painkiller drugs so his pain receptors will recalibrate themselves.

Wilson drops by to visit Cuddy with a large stuffed duck. She’s worried that everything is too much for her and she only passed by the inspector’s meager standards, not hers. Wilson points out that she’s creating ridiculous standards and she should get help.

Jeff asks them to sedate him as they prepare to take him off the drugs, and they warn that they can’t give him any drugs. Taub finally admits to Kutner that his colleague tried to kill himself, and his family was torn apart as a result. House is watching and Foreman points out that it’s torture to take Jeff off the drugs on a hunch. House responds by accusing Foreman of manipulating the clinical trials to get closer to Thirteen, and says that he checked the logs and discovered that Foreman rescheduled Janice’s appointments.

Back at his house, House fakes a cooking accident to the pipes and calls in Fernando to replace the pipes. The plumber notes the fire skipped his pipes and hit the neighbors. House looks up and starts to get an idea.

While Jeff suffers, Lynne talks to House and wonders if they’re better off letting Jeff kill himself. She thought House would understand because of his own pain and asks if he wants to live the way Jeff is. When he can’t answer, she tells him to stabilize Jeff and she’ll take her husband home and do what has to be done. House agrees.

At home, House checks Fernando’s completed work as the plumber notes that House paid more to bribe him to lie on the claim then he would have to pay for the repairs. House insists he didn’t break the pipes and he wanted to make sure the insurance company pays. As Fernando leaves, House notices him scratch his crotch and leaves for the hospital. He meets with the team and suggests epilepsy that has rewired the pain neurons, and the EKG wouldn’t have detected it if was in an area of the brain too deep inside: the area that controls the muscles of the testicles. House talks to Jeff and gets him to admit the pain first started in the scrotum. They confirm the diagnosis and treat him for epilepsy.

Cuddy goes over her files in her office, with Rachel at her side.

A recovered Jeff walks through the hospital with Zack as Lynne looks on. Kutner figures that the colleague Taub described is himself, but Taub denies it and leaves.

Foreman finds Thirteen early for her tests at the clinic. She asks if he’s busy that night and he says he isn’t. He talks to the nurse and realizes that Thirteen’s on the placebo.

Cuddy asks Cameron why she wanted House to take on Jeff’s case. Cameron admits she wanted to give House some manner of hope. Cuddy hesitates, then asks Cameron if she wants Cuddy’s job.

House gets in the bath tub and holds onto the shower pipe. He notices that the pipe is loose because he uses it as a handhold to get into the tub.
Big Baby

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Recurring Role: Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Erika Flores (Sarah), Andy Scott Harris (Johnny), Saige Ryan Campbell (Jessica), Tammy Dahlstrom (Tammy), Sam Gregory (Screaming Kid)
Production Code: HOU-513
Summary: The team take on the case of a Special Education teacher who spits up blood and collapses in the middle of class. Meanwhile, Cameron finds herself taking on some of Cuddy's duties, including dealing with House, and Foreman has to make a decision concerning Thirteen's participation in the clinic trials.

Sarah is leading a Special Ed class and one of the students, Johnny, notices that they have a new assistant. Sarah tells him that the old assistant got married and he wonders why Sarah isn't married yet. He wonders if they can get married and she puts him off. Johnny spills glitter on a neighboring girl's painting. However, the girl starts to cry, and Sarah tries to comfort her. However, Sarah starts coughing up blood and then collapses to the ground, unconscious.

Cameron brings the case file to House in the cafeteria as he steals some food, and tells him that she's been put in charge while Cuddy's gone. He takes the case to the team and notices Foreman is smirking at the fact Cameron is in charge. House assures them he's going to do his job, and leave Cameron crushed in his wake. Foreman suggests blood ailments and Thirteen disagrees, and House calls them on it, noting it's a smoke screen and wonders if they have differing opinions. He tells them to run a bleeding-time test. Hadley and Thirteen administer the test and Sarah gushes about her students and is incredibly happy. There's no sign of clotting, suggesting something is wrong. She assures them she's not worried.

At home, Wilson visits Cuddy and talks about Rachel. He notices something is wrong and Cuddy says that she doesn’t feel anything for the child. She dismisses her concerns and insists she's doing everything she's supposed to do, and Rachel will be fine.

Thirteen and Foreman explain that Sarah’s platelets are damaged and House wonders why they're agreeing. House orders irradiation for possible ITP, which will cause cancer and kill her digestive track. Kutner believes it's irresponsible. House offers to go to Cameron to get her permission. She immediately agrees with him, to his surprise, and tells him if he comes to her with a request he thinks is necessary, she'll approve it. Surprised, House goes to his team and asks them for a reason to not do the irradiation. They decide to fake the procedure but not actually flip the switch. House okays it while ordering increased drug treatment.
Foreman talks to Chase about the fact he accidentally learned that Thirteen is receiving the placebo in the Huntington’s drug trials. Chase advises her not to tell her to avoid compromising the trial. He wants to put her on the real drug and Chase notes that it’s crazy.

Thirteen and Taub administer the fake test to Sarah, who asks for a timeout so she can go to the bathroom. They agree but she collapses as soon as she gets off the table. Her heart stops and they’re forced to resuscitate, and the heart condition indicates it’s not ITP.

Back in differential, the team concludes there are no heart problems. House wonders why someone would have to pee in the middle of a nuclear procedure. Thirteen suggests Sarah has cold agglutinins caused by low temperatures in the classroom and the radiation chamber. Foreman agrees and House tells them to stop. House then tells them to give Sarah a cold bath: if she has cold agglutinins her heart will start racing.

Cuddy is visiting Cameron, wanting to know why she approved the radiation procedure. Cameron explains that she said yes because House wanted her to say no. Cuddy warns her not to play House’s game but Cameron insists on doing it her way. House arrives and waits for Cuddy to leave, noting Rachel is outside. He concludes that Cuddy brought Rachel to work to dump her because she hates the baby and thinks she’s making a mistake. He admits Wilson told him and says it’s not a big deal. He explains Cuddy doesn’t have any obligations yet and emotionally she’ll feel guilty, but Rachel will never know her. Cuddy sarcastically thanks him and leaves, and he tells Cameron what he wants. She approves the procedure but tells House to draw blood and freeze it first to see if clumps. The team wonders what Cameron is up to and Foreman figures Cameron is playing House.

Kutner goes to draw the blood and finds Johnny and his mother visiting Sarah. Johnny’s mother explains that Johnny has improved since studying under Sarah, and he started to lose ground when Sarah became ill. Kutner draws the blinds so the nurses don’t know and leaves with the blood samples.

Foreman and Thirteen are testing the blood and she drops something. She admits she’s feeling better because of the medicine and Foreman warns her not to get too hopeful. Thirteen insists she’s feeling better. The tests show that Sarah’s blood is clumping, indicating the possibility of cold agglutinins.

Foreman goes to see Cameron, who tells him not to bother.

House watches from the observation gallery as Kutner and Thirteen put Sarah in the cold bath. She talks about Johnny and how she got him to open up. She mentions going to the wrong room because of a mix up in the room numbers. Her heart rate remains normal, disproving the cold agglutinin theory, but House says that she has brain damage.

Back in differential, House explains that her confusion over the room numbers and the fact she forgot to pee before the irradiation procedure. The damage is ongoing, but Foreman thinks that House is simply trying to prove she has brain damage to indicate why she’s a nice person. Kutner suggests a pancreatic tumor but House believes it’s MS and plaques in her brain are interfering with her brain function and will spread to her brain stem, shutting down her lungs. He orders a brain biopsy but Kutner disagrees and suggests an ERCP on the pancreas. They go to Cameron who says they have to assume it’s a brain, but orders a MRI to spot the MS plaques. House refuses, saying that Cameron is hedging her bets to stand up to House. She’s wasting time and he tells her to choose. She insists they do the MRI first.

Cuddy and Rachel visit Wilson and Cuddy tells him she doesn’t want to go home. She’s been wondering if House was right, and doesn’t know if she wants to make sacrifices for Rachel.

The MRI shows no MS plaques and House okays the ERCP. Foreman talks to House about ethical advice on helping Thirteen. House asks if the drug will cure, and when he learns it probably won’t, notes it’ll keep Thirteen alive for maybe three extra years. He asks Foreman if that’s worth him risking his life in medicine. Foreman thanks him for the advice, but as he leaves House notes it’s worth it if he loves Thirteen.

The others run the ERCP but her lungs shut down. They drain the effusions but Kutner insists the MRI proves House was wrong. House suggests a nerve-conduction study on her brain to find the dead spots, but they’ll have to cut off her skull. Kutner wants a more sensitive test but House points out that they don’t have time. Kutner goes ahead and does it anyway while House gets permission to cut open Sarah’s skull. He goes to Cameron, who already knows about the intended procedure thanks to Kutner. House believes that equine encephalitis set off the damage in the left side of Sarah’s brain, possibly caused by a mosquito bite. Cameron still wants...
something to confirm and House sends Thirteen and Foreman to check out the school. Thirteen says that she wants children, but was reluctant before because of her illness. Now she feels like parenting is an option.

Wilson goes to see Cuddy and gives her a present: a framed photo with an age-accelerated image of Rachel. He tries to get her to think of Rachel as a human being with a future. When it doesn’t work, Wilson admits the photo came with the frame.

House comes to Cameron with the results from the classroom: three dead bugs and a child suffering from a raging viral syndrome. The bugs are fruit flies and the kid has a common cold: Cameron isn’t impressed. Kutner hasn’t found anything with his second test. She wonders what he wants her to do and he says to say yes, and she does. Kutner confronts House and points out he’s skipping steps to test Cameron. Kutner suggests they remove her spleen and House says that’s fine if the brain test doesn’t work. House and Cameron attach electrodes to her exposed brain and run the tests to determine the dead sections of her brain. Kutner calls Cuddy at home and she gets on the loudspeaker to tell House to stop. Rachel cries in the background, distracting and irritating Sarah. Cuddy begs Rachel to stop calling as Sarah’s blood pressure starts dropping but her nerve conduction increases. Cuddy continues to yell at Rachel and Sarah continues to get mad. Cuddy asks the baby what she wants and she stops crying. Cameron stabilizes Sarah and they close her up.

They have to wait two hours for the anesthesia to clear so they can operate on her spleen. House wonders why Sarah got angry and concludes the low blood pressure is somehow responsible. Later, House reviews the white board and Cuddy arrives with Rachel. Cuddy explains that she actually talked to Rachel and connected with her. Cuddy insists it was real, and asks if House wants to hold her. House does, and the baby spits on him. He realizes it’s a problem with her stomach sphincter and gets an idea.

Kutner is reassuring Sarah she can live without her spleen when House arrives and says they didn’t look at her heart. He checks and discovers her ductus valve didn’t close when she was born. She has a patent ductus arteriosus that directs blood throughout her body when she’s under stress. The blood is redirected from the left side of her brain, causing her to become less stressed when in a high-stress situation. Surgery can correct the ductus and fix the problem.

Cameron visits Cuddy, who notes that Cameron was right. Cameron tells her that she’s quitting: she can’t handle House and approved his tests without sufficient evidence. She admits she’ll always say yes to House because he knows her too well.

Johnny comes to see Sarah and spills water on her. Sarah continues to be cheery and upbeat. House looks on, interested.

Foreman switches Thirteen’s placebo for the real medicine. Thirteen comes by and he smiles at her.

Cuddy leaves for work, leaving Rachel with a babysitter. As Rachel cries, Cuddy hesitates and then keeps going.
The Greater Good

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Guest Stars: Judith Scott (Dana Miller), Jennifer Crystal Foley (Rachel Taub), David Purdham (Chef Anthony)
Production Code: HOU-514
Summary: A former cancer researcher collapses in the middle of a cooking class, and the team are forced to reevaluate their own lives when they learn she gave up a promising career to seek personal happiness. Meanwhile, Thirteen suffers adverse reactions from the clinical trials, and Cuddy gives House a dose of his own medicine.

At a restaurant cooking class, Chef Anthony presents a class as his assistant Dana Miller assists. Dana starts to waver and her lips turn blue from cyanosis. She explains that she’s a doctor and says she needs a doctor, then collapses.

Thirteen wakes up in bed to find Foreman watching her.

Wilson is at Amber’s apartment where he lives, cleaning up before the day begins. He sees her empty coffee cup still sitting on the counter and leaves it there.

House arrives at work to discover the elevators have signs saying they’re shut down for maintenance. He limps his way up the stairs where the team has assembled to go over Dana’s case of spontaneous pneumothorax. House thinks it’s a boring case but Thirteen says that Dana is close to coming up with a cure for cancer and insists they should take the case. They go over the file as Kutner arrives, and House realizes he took the elevator. Thirteen and Taub prepare Dana for a CT for hyperinflation and as they work, she explains she quit as a doctor eight months ago when she was treated for a uterine myoma. She decided to find happiness by doing what she wanted to do and becoming a cook.

House goes to see Curry and complain, but she’s busy watching Rachel on her computer via webcam. She finally admits that she’s getting revenge on him for forcing her to work instead of stay at home with her baby. House simply walks out without a sarcastic remark. However, when he goes to the elevator he removes the sign and gets in with everyone else.

As the team go over Dana’s CT, they conclude it’s not asthma and wonder if she had a hole in her lung due to the myoma surgery. They wonder why Dana quit and discuss if doctors should forego their own self-interest. Kutner notices increased interstitial markers indicative of pulmonary fibrosis. House orders a biopsy and sends them to take care of it. As they leave, House comments privately to Foreman about his tampering with Thirteen’s clinical trial to give her the real drug rather than the placebo, but Foreman denies it.
Foreman card-tests Thirteen in the clinical trial, and she complains of a headache. He tries to pursue the matter but she dismisses his concern, saying nothing would crop up after her several weeks in the program.

Taub informs Dana they need to do an open-lung biopsy to confirm pulmonary fibrosis, but she refuses since it will take her out of service for several weeks. He admits he's happy with his job and Dana points out that it makes him happy. However, what she did as a doctor didn't make her happy. She feels a pain in her side and Taub draws a sample, determining her liver is bleeding into her stomach.

As the team walks and performs differential, House stumbles across a tripwire while going into his office. He ignores it and the team wonders why, while Foreman notes a spot on the caudate lobe that might cause a granuloma and bleeding. House has them take a sample of her lung and examine it under UV. After the others leave, House tells Foreman that Thirteen is losing her peripheral vision and he needs to deal with it.

Wilson comes to see House as he tends to his bruised knee and asks about the new series of pranks. House tells him that he's safe and Wilson wonders if House has a long-term plan. House assures him there's no game: Cuddy wants revenge. He has no reason to strike back because he won't gain anything, so he's going to let her exhaust herself. Wilson wonders if House is feeling guilty about taking her away from her baby and thus giving in, but House denies it. Wilson notices his file on Dana and goes to see her. She remembers him from a conference, and he explains he has patients who will die without her finding a cure. Dana explains that a lot of people in ruts were angry at her when she quit, and she asks what his rut is.

Taub is in bed staring at his wife Rachel. He finally asks if they should have kids and she says that they already discussed it and she doesn't want kids. Taub agreed at the time but has changed his mind. He admits he's been reconsidering her life recently but Rachel insists it's not a whim and she likes their life without children. Taub says he's okay with her decision.

Foreman arrives to test Thirteen's peripheral vision and realizes that she's getting worse. Thirteen concludes she's on the drug and wonders if Foreman will have to have her taken off the drug. He confesses that he switched her from the placebo to the drug. Thirteen says she'll stop taking the drug and goes back to business on Dana's case. As she leaves, she wonders why he risked his career to give her a drug that might help her. Thirteen admits she isn't ready for that.

Foreman goes to see Dana with the test results and notices that she's bleeding at the scalp. She says she scratched it in her sleep but he realizes that Dana is leaking brain matter and calls for help.

The next day, the team goes back into differential. Thirteen snaps at the others and then apologizes, saying she has a headache. House concludes that Dana's problem is in her brain. Kutner suggests a mental imbalance but House notes the itching started recently. He tells the team to run a MRI for brain tumors or MS. As they leave, House realizes that Cuddy has stolen his cane. He sees a mop bucket nearby and gets an idea.

Foreman tries to talk to Thirteen about her headaches and the fact she still has them despite the fact she's off the drug. He notices she's taking high dosages of codeine but Thirteen thinks he's making it about himself. Foreman insists that the symptoms mean more than his hurt feelings.

House limps into Cuddy's office using the mop and bucket, but tries to read her a magazine column about how working moms are more fulfilled. She insists that's self-rationalization and points out he doesn't even have the right magazine. Cuddy figures he's going to get revenge by dumping the dirty mop water on his carpet. House simply limps out with the bucket.

Foreman runs a MRI on Thirteen and apologizes for taking a risk. He notices something ominous on the MRI.

Kutner and Taub are going over Dana's MRI when House limps in using a hospital cane. House wonders where Thirteen and Foreman are. Foreman comes in, takes her cote, and walks away. House suggests polyneuropathy and suggests shocking the nerves to cure Dana. He goes to see Foreman, who admits that Thirteen has a tumor in her optic chiasm. He plans to go to the drug company to get records on other patients with similar symptoms. House says that would be a stupid idea and they need to give it time for the tumor to melt away. Foreman goes back to his apartment and Thirteen says her leg is bleeding from when she fell over a table, and she fell over the table because she's now blind.
The next morning, Wilson comes into his office to find House asleep. Cuddy called the utilities company pretending to be Mrs. House and had them shut everything down. Wilson points out that House’s non-involvement strategy isn’t working.

House meets with Taub and Kutner who explain Dana experienced spinal shocks indicative of Lhermitte’s. House tells them to investigate further and find a hemangioma, then goes to Foreman’s apartment to see Thirteen. He realizes that she’s blind and she reveals Foreman is on his way to the drug company. House tells her to call Foreman and stop him so they can administer radiation treatment for her tumor. He admits he told Foreman to switch her onto the drug if he loved her, and wonders if she feels anything for Foreman or not. She takes the phone and calls him.

Wilson confronts Cuddy and points out she’s physically hurting House. He wonders what she’s trying to accomplish and she insists she’s miserable. Wilson points out she likes being at work and tells her to fire House if she doesn’t want to give up Rachel to deal with him. When Cuddy admits she like what House does for the hospital, Wilson says what House does for the hospital is part of what he is, and the same goes for her.

Foreman and House prepare to administer radiation to Thirteen’s tumor and House notes that Foreman has to be ready to lose. He points out that Foreman loves her, but never took her feelings into consideration. They place the catheter in the optic chiasm and administer the radiation.

Taub and Kutner run another MRI on Dana to find a hemangioma, but find dozens of them scattered throughout her body. They take the results to House and he tells them to confirm mesothelioma with Wilson via a biopsy. Kutner refuses until he gets an answer about what’s going on with Thirteen and Foreman. He figures that House isn’t saying anything because he doesn’t want them to react, and asks what will happen if checks with Admitting to see if Thirteen is in treatment.

As Wilson checks Dana for mesothelioma, he apologizes and explains that Amber died and he’s still living in her apartment. He admits he’s stuck in a rut and wonders how he can get unstuck. She tells him the only wrong thing is to do nothing. He tries to sample a hemangioma and discovers that it’s bleeding. They both realize that’s not supposed to happen.

Kutner finds Foreman and Thirteen and tells Foreman to go to the drug company. Thirteen points out that Foreman feels guilty and Kutner says he’s a hypocrite for letting Thirteen call the shots now.

Wilson meets with House and Taub to point out that mesothelioma doesn’t bleed. Her heart stops as she bleeds into her pericardium. They drain the blood but Dana’s condition worsens as she bleeds from the nose and eyes. They try to keep her stable but can’t keep up with her bleeding. She’s in too bad a condition for bleeding so House tells them to use embolization to cut off the arteries to the tumors, starting with her lungs. Taub warns that the treatment will destroy healthy tissue as well but there’s no choice.

House finds Cuddy waiting for him with his cane. She gives it back to him and says she’s accepting who he is. House reverts to his usual sarcastic self and wonders if they’ll have to go through the same thing in 28 days. Even as he says it, he gets an idea. As he leaves, Cuddy figures that he’s accepting his apology in his own unique manner. She figures he’s just playing a role, but he tells her to stop rationalizing.

House goes to Dana’s room and confirms that she’s on her menstrual cycle. Dana is bleeding from her uterus and is bleeding everywhere else as well. She has ectopic endometriosis. When the surgeons cut through her uterine wall to remove the myoma, endometrial cells spilled out into her bloodstream and throughout her body. They multiplied, reached a critical mass, and started swelling and bleeding when her uterus did during her cycle. They can’t do surgery until she stops bleeding, so Dana will have to hold out until then.

Foreman is standing vigil at Thirteen’s bed as she sleeps. He takes her hand and apologizes, and she wakes up to reveal that she can see again.

Taub visits Dana after the surgery. He asks her how she feels about her life choices and she admits she wasn’t thinking “what if.” Taub worries about what he’ll think on his death bed, and she tells him to worry about that day when it comes, and to go to bed happy tonight.

Foreman contemplates the clinic patients, then calls Dr. Schmidt with the drug company and tells him the trial isn’t going well.
House visits Foreman in the locker room and realizes he confessed to the drug company. Thirteen’s results are inadmissible and all the have to do is put a warning label on if anyone else They’ve agreed not to pull Foreman’s license unless he participates in future trials. House is satisfied that Foreman will be there, then leaves after stealing from a co-worker’s wallet.

Rachel Taub wakes up and finds Taub sitting nearby. She wonders if he can be happy without a child. He says he can’t be happy without her. She gets up and they cuddle.

Thirteen wakes up next to Foreman and tells him he snores.

Wilson is cleaning dishes in Amber’s apartment. He sees her coffee cup and finally washes it and puts it away.
House, MD Episode Guide

Unfaithful

Season 5
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Season Episode: 15

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Director: Greg Yaitanes
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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Jimmi Simpson (Daniel Bresson), Jake Thomas (Ryan), Janet Haley (Eileen), Terrance Ellis (Daryl), Nick Josephs (Man)
Production Code: HOU-515
Summary: House struggles with his own beliefs as he takes on a case of priest with a disturbing past who runs a shelter for homeless people and sees a vision of Jesus.

At a homeless shelter, Reverend Daniel Beeson sends his assistant home and starts cleaning up. A homeless man, Daryl, knocks on the door and asks for an extra coat. Daniel lets him in to find a coat. Once Daryl is gone, Daniel goes to his apartment and smokes and drinks. He hears a pounding at the door again and goes to answer it: Jesus is at the door, bleeding and levitating.

House arrives and Cuddy asks him to come for Rachel’s baby-naming ceremony. He considers the whole thing hypocritical but Cuddy insists that he come. House says he’ll think about it and goes to the ER to mock Cameron, who is back at her normal job. House goes through the files for his next patient, Daniel. Cameron dismisses Daniel’s Jesus sighting as a drunken hallucination. House notes she isn’t sure what brought on the hallucination and summons the team for a differential. They figure House either wants to screw with them or Daniel. House concedes it could be either or both and sends them out to test Daniel and the shelter. Before they go, House tells Thirteen and Foreman to choose between their relationship or their job: one of them has to quit once the current case is resolved.

Kutner and Taub test Daniel and note that he traveled several times. Daniel explains that he was accused of child molestation and was transferred repeatedly, but insists it isn’t medically relevant. He denies molesting the child, but Taub suggests that syphilis might account for the hallucination. Daniel says he hasn’t had sex and notes that he doesn’t really think he saw Jesus either.

House and Wilson have lunch and Wilson admits he’s going to Cuddy’s christening ceremony. House would rather Wilson avoid the whole thing and Wilson wonders why Cuddy invited him. House admits that it’s flattering.

Foreman and Thirteen discuss House’s ultimatum and she wonders why Foreman insists on working with House. Foreman finally admits she’s right and he’s going to stop House from putting them through his most recent game. He says they’re not going to do anything.
House doesn’t think that Daniel is innocent of the molestation and Taub agrees, but Kutner isn’t so sure. Taub doesn’t think there’s anything wrong with Daniel and House agrees. Foreman and Thirteen tell him neither one of them is quitting, and House tells Foreman he’s fired.

Taub and Kutner prepare to discharge Daniel, who says that his foot is numb and he feels nauseous. Taub wonders why he’s so intent on staying but Daniel insists he’s ill. Kutner examines the foot and discovers that his toe fell off due to necrosis.

House is happy they’ve got a real case, and Kutner and Taub wonder where Foreman and Thirteen are. House explains Foreman quit and Thirteen is taking a stand for the moment. House tells Taub and Kutner to check out Daniel’s house and put the priest in a hyperbaric chamber in case of carbon monoxide poisoning.

As Foreman packs, Thirteen wonders what they’re going to do. He admits that their relationship would affect his judgment. Foreman insists she shouldn’t quit and they’ll both be fine. As they kiss, Thirteen gets a page to check on Daniel.

At the shelter, Kutner and Taub discuss Foreman and Thirteen’s relationship while going over Daniel’s apartment. Meanwhile, House and Cuddy are in the elevator and House insists she’s a hypocrite. Cuddy insists it’s a sincere invitation and she wants him to come, and he says he’ll be there. Cuddy then goes to Wilson and blames him for convincing House to come to the christening when she only asked him to cover her bases. She tells Wilson to fix it and make sure House doesn’t figure she told Wilson to do it.

Daniel’s necrosis stabilizes but he starts to panic in the hyperbaric chamber. They get him out of the chamber as he appears to have a heart attack.

Foreman goes to see Cuddy for a letter of recommendation. She points out that House is right and refuses to give a recommendation.

Back in differential, the team rules out a heart attack and House suspects it’s a clotting disorder. He orders them to do an angio and Thirteen hesitates, and House goes to see Daniel. The priest insists everything he’s said is true and God has forsaken him. House is impressed with his attitude. The angio shows negative but Daniel says that he’s not feeling any pain from the probes to the chest. House believes it’s neurological and orders testing to confirm.

Wilson asks why House is going to Cuddy’s ceremony, and House says he’s fulfilled his obligation to Cuddy. He figures Cuddy is trying to play him and he refuses to let her get away with it.

Thirteen approaches Cameron about getting a job in the ER. Chase tells her not to quit but warns against office romances. He and Cameron wonder if Thirteen needs to stand up to House, or if House is actually doing them a favor because he thinks their relationship won’t work out. Cameron offers to make a call for her.

As Taub and Kutner conduct the tests, Kutner asks Daniel about his faith but the priest doesn’t believe it. They find intercostals neuralgia, trauma to a nerve in the rib. Daniel tells them that his right eye has gone blind.

The team goes back into differential and Thirteen returns. They’re unable to find any structurally damage to the eye but his body is shutting down. Thirteen suggests autoimmune, cancer, and infection, but the tests prove negative. House figures that Daniel has an infection but his spleen is failing so there are no white cells to indicate infection. He orders Taub and Kutner to do a biopsy, and once they’re gone Thirteen asks House if he’ll hire Foreman back if she quits. She claims Foreman is okay with the plan and House agrees.

House goes to see Daniel as they conduct the biopsy. They discuss Daniel’s loss of faith and House wonders if Daniel is hoping to get it back. Daniel says he has nowhere else to go, and challenges House’s own hypocrisy: he treats people even though he claims not to care about them. The priest figures House is looking for someone to give him hope. House dismisses his theory and leaves, where he runs into Cuddy. She tells him she doesn’t want him there and House quickly agrees not to come. Cuddy is surprised he gave in but ends up thanking him for not coming.

As Taub and Kutner run the tests, they advise Thirteen on whether she should stay or go. Kutner thinks they should stay together. Taub thinks they should break up. The spleen tests show some bugs.

House discusses faith with Daniel, who figures that House has a thing for Cuddy. Taub arrives to tell House in private that Daniel has pneumocystis, which is harmless unless Daniel’s system is compromised: by AIDS. Daniel insists he doesn’t have AIDS but refuses to let them test. The
treatment could cause serious internal damage but Taub insists they go ahead and also test the boy that Daniel is accused of molesting. They can’t violate doctor confidentiality by informing the boy’s parents and House orders them to treat Daniel for AIDS.

At home, Thirteen tells Foreman she’s found a job and tells him House has agreed to hire Foreman back if she quits. Foreman insists he wanted to handle it and gets mad at Thirteen for giving in to House.

As they eat, Wilson wonders why House is so obsessed with Cuddy being a hypocrite. He figures House is being a hypocrite and he really wants to go. House denies any interest in going.

Taub secretly goes to see the boy that Daniel is accused of molesting, Ryan, and suggests he should get tested. Ryan seems curiously disinterested in himself but asks how Daniel is doing. While he says he’s been tested, refuses to tell Taub the results.

Foreman goes to House and demands his job back. Thirteen realizes something is going on and wonders why Foreman didn’t tell her he was going to get her fired by going back to work for House. House watches as the two of them argue until Thirteen storms out. House tells Foreman he can either patch things up with Thirteen or get his job back. Foreman chooses the job.

As Kutner administers the anti-AIDS treatment, Daniel’s chest breaks out in a rash. Taub thinks it’s a reaction to the treatment but House suggests that it’s hyper-IgE syndrome. The IgE levels are normal and Thirteen suggests genetic micro-tumors. Foreman disagrees and they argue. House tells them to run the genetic tests on Daniel. As Taub and Kutner run the tests, Ryan arrives and apologizes to Daniel.

Wilson tries to convince House to overlook Cuddy’s hypocrisy so he’ll go to the christening. Wilson talks about how even if an absolute truth exists, they can’t know all of it so House can’t condemn her for failing to do so. House gets an idea and starts reviewing the symptoms on the board. He finally eliminates the hallucination, saying it isn’t a symptom. He goes to Daniel’s room and tells him he has Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome. It’s similar to AIDS and impairs the immune syndrome. It’s genetic and can be confirmed with a test. House claims that the hallucination was brought on by drinking and was just a coincidence. Daniel notes that the coincidence brought him to House, who cured him, and wonders how his life could improve in a single day. House tells him that everything that happened can be rationally explained, but Daniel notes it’s a lot of coincidences.

Cuddy visits Cameron and they note that House managed to succeed again even though he violated is own principles. Cameron figures Cuddy wants House there, and tells her to tell House how she feels. As House leaves, Cuddy approaches him and they make small talk. They go out and leave in separate directions.

Cameron, Chase, and Wilson attend the christening.

Thirteen returns to Foreman’s apartment and they kiss.

House sits in his apartment and plays a serenade on the piano. . . alone.
The Softer Side

Season 5
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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Dominic Scott Kay (Jackson), Julia Campbell (Melanie), Ben Reed (Joseph), Nick Puga (Ian), Fred Kronenberg (Doctor), Meagan Gordon (Young Woman), Nicole Cannon (Nurse Helen)
Production Code: HOU-516
Summary: A patient with both male and female DNA has the team stumped. Meanwhile, House starts acting nicely, raising Cuddy’s and Wilson’s suspicions that something is terribly wrong.

In the past, a doctor reassures two parents, Melanie and Ben, that their child has male and female DNA, genetic mosaicism. However, their baby can have a normal life once they perform surgery, but they’ll have to choose.

Now, the parents encourage their son Jackson as he plays basketball. He passes rather than makes one shot. With seconds left in the game, Jackson gets the ball again and makes the shot, winning the game. He then collapses to the gym floor, suffering from pelvic pain.

Thirteen and Foreman are dressing for work in the morning and Thirteen tries to second guess House so that he won’t guess they faked their breakup.

At the hospital cafeteria, House actually asks permission from Wilson to take his food. Cuddy arrives and gives him the case, and asks that he not tell Jackson that he could have been a girl. House readily agrees, surprising Cuddy. The team goes over the case and observes that the parents want everyone to make sure they don’t say anything to Jackson about his testosterone treatments and claim they’re vitamins. Foreman fakes an argument with Thirteen when she suggests a MRI to check for a blind uterus. House has them run a camera up Jackson’s urethra. However, the parents arrive and confront House directly, and suggest he perform a MRI based on the research they’ve done. House gives in, much to everyone’s surprise.

Taub and Thirteen run the MRI and Taub asks about Thirteen’s relationship. He suggests they’re both better off separated and that Foreman is like a robot. The test shows no indication of a blind uterus. Meanwhile, Kutner goes to see Wilson and describe what happened. Wilson suggests he simply enjoy it, but begins to have doubts himself.

Taub and Thirteen run a camera up Jackson’s urethra and the boy’s parents come in to encourage him. Jackson starts to have trouble breathing due to pericardial infusion and they’re forced to drain the fluid. Back in differential, the team suggests theories unrelated to the boy’s mosaicism and House has nothing to add. Thirteen suggests that testosterone use might have caused autoimmune disease, explaining the symptoms. House orders steroid treatments to block the testosterone.
Wilson goes to see Cuddy and accuses her of sleeping with House, explaining the good mood. Cuddy denies it and figures it’s not a crisis. Meanwhile, Thirteen tells the parents to stop the testosterone treatment but they worry if they do that Jackson will revert. They ask Thirteen to tell Jackson that the testosterone blocker is something else. She suggests they tell Jackson the truth but Melanie and Ben don’t believe it.

House meets with a clinic patient, Ian, who complains of pain in his limbs and demonstrates by poking them with a finger. House figures out that Ian has a broken finger. Cuddy wonders why Ian hasn’t screamed for another doctor, only to see him emerge grateful for House’s kind and courteous treatment.

As Thirteen gives Jackson the testosterone blocker, she discusses basketball and he admits that Melanie forced him to join the team. Jackson notes that he wanted to take dance but Melanie forced him to choose sports and his father gave in to her. Thirteen notices that Jackson’s palms are red and they still don’t know what’s wrong with him.

Cuddy goes to see Wilson and informs him that his worse fears are correct: House is in a good mood.

Kutner talks with Foreman and offers his condolence on his breakup with Thirteen. Kutner figures it’s for the best since Thirteen slept with women and Foreman won’t have to lose her to another woman down the road. Wilson and Cuddy go into House’s office and discover that he’s unconscious and they can’t wake him up. Kutner and Foreman notice and come in as Wilson realizes that House has stopped breathing. House suddenly revives, screaming, and Cuddy demands to know what is going on. Wilson figures that House knows what the matter is but he insists that he took too many Vicodin pills and asks about Jackson. The team realizes that House hasn’t been taking Vicodin. House is more interested in discovering if Jackson is taking drugs and orders them to check the home. After House leaves, Wilson concludes that House is taking something stronger than Vicodin, possibly heroin.

Thirteen and Foreman check Jackson’s room and Foreman asks if she misses sleeping with women. She tells him yes and then says she misses sleeping with other men, and figures he misses sleeping with other women. She wonders why he’s bringing it up and they wonder if Kutner and Taub are jerking them around because they know. That means House knows, but Foreman thinks it’s good since House either has to jerk them around or fire them, and he’s not firing them. Thirteen finds a journal page detailing possibly suicidal thoughts and reads it to House. He is dozing but wakes up long enough to say he’s unconcerned. Taub reports that he’s discovered toxoplasmosis indicating an infection.

As they give Jackson antibiotics, Thirteen shows Ben and Melanie the notes, but Melanie refuses to discuss the truth with Jackson. Ben isn’t so sure but Melanie insists that they could make things worse. Ben gives in and Melanie tells Thirteen to renew the testosterone treatments.

Foreman confronts Kutner and Taub, and Taub admits that he figured it out. Foreman wonders why House didn’t notice and calls Wilson. Wilson is having lunch with House and Foreman soon realizes that House is there. House wonders why Wilson is buying him a drink and figures Wilson thinks he’s on heroin. If House is on heroin, he can’t risk drinking the alcohol. Wilson wonders if it’s true and House takes a drink and then leaves.

Thirteen gives Jackson a testosterone injection but then tells him they’re not vitamins and tells him to ask his parents.

Wilson finds House throwing up in the alleyway, and House explains that he’s on methadone. It has twice the risk of death but it’s legal. If he mistimes the dose, he can die. However, House boasts that it eliminates his pain entirely and tosses away his cane, then casually walks away.

Ben and Melanie go to Cuddy to complain about Thirteen and demand that she be removed from the case. Cuddy refuses to take Thirteen off the case and Melanie continues to insist that Jackson isn’t ready for the news. Ben feels otherwise and says they don’t have a choice. After they leave, Cuddy tells Thirteen to stay with Jackson since she’s the only one he’ll trust.

Ben and Melanie try to explain to Jackson about his condition and he thinks he’s a freak. They disagree but he wonders why they lied to him. He tells them to get out.

House is reading in the bathroom stall when Cuddy comes in to tell him she knows about the methadone. She warns him he could die but House doesn’t think it’s any of her business. Cuddy forbids him from using methadone and House tells her that he’s quitting.

Thirteen tells Jackson that he’ll have to talk to his parents at some point but he refuses to hear about it. He talks about his friend Will and wonders if he really likes him, and if he’s
supposed to. Jackson points out he likes dancing more than basketball, and Thirteen tells him that he doesn’t have to hide anymore. She shows him his poem that she found but he explains that he wrote it for an English assignment. Jackson starts to feel nauseous and then vomits blood. The hospital pages House, but he ignores the beeper and shaves off his stubble.

Foreman tells the team that Cuddy has put him in charge now that House is gone. Jackson now has necrotizing pancreatitis. Kutner wants to call House and Foreman informs him that he already tried and House isn’t answering. Taub suggests scleroderma but Thirteen suggests Zollinger-Ellison and Foreman orders treatment. However, in private he points out that she favors that diagnosis because it isn’t fatal, and she doesn’t want to make the family feel worse.

Wilson goes to see and finds a woman leaving. House explains to Wilson that he hired a hooker to watch him breathe. Wilson is surprised to discover that House has shaved and is even wearing a tie for a job interview. Wilson has to admit that House appears fine.

Taub informs the parents that Jackson isn’t responding to the Zollinger-Ellison treatment. Melanie confronts Thirteen and Cuddy intervenes. She tells Melanie and Ben to see Jackson regardless of his feelings, and then tells Thirteen she didn’t do it for her. Cuddy doesn’t believe it and insists House doesn’t “do” happy. Wilson thinks they should give House a chance not to be miserable.

Foreman and Thirteen are at home prepare to go to work the next day and Foreman tells her that Jackson’s current treatment is slowing the progression of the disease slightly. Thirteen wonders her kidney function is improving, which would mean scleroderma isn’t the cause.

House visits Cuddy to get a letter of recommendation. She says she’s been busy and gives him the requirements for methadone treatment that he’ll receive at the hospital. She offers him his job back and he agrees.

House returns to his office and Thirteen and Foreman inform the others that Jackson doesn’t have scleroderma. House wonders when they came up with the idea and Thirteen lies. They go over the list of diseases they’ve ruled out and House wonders if Jackson drinks energy drinks. He goes to see the family and explains that Jackson initially had dehydration. The energy drinks strained his kidney and it took longer to rebound from the dehydration. The contrast material they injected for the MRI remained in his system and messed up his system. Jackson was fine when he arrived: it was the parents asking for a MRI that almost got him killed. Dialysis will clear out the contrast material and cure him.

Later, Thirteen talks to Jackson, who admits he’s conflicted over choosing dance or basketball.

Cuddy comes to bring House his methadone. He admits that he screwed up by giving into the parents’ request for the MRI even though he knew Jackson didn’t need it. His good mood helped caused Jackson’s problems. Cuddy points out he doesn’t need pain to be a good doctor and House wonders why she wants him happy. She suggests that if he thinks his intellect his compromised, then he feels he has nothing. He throws the methadone in the garbage and limps out.
The Social Contract

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Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson)
Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Jay Karnes (Nick Greenwald), Susan Egan (Audrey Greenwald), Darcy Rose Byrnes (Marika Greenwald), Devon Michaels (Timothy Moore), Jodi Harris (Elaine), Cyrus Deboo (Dr. Kapur), Sheri Foster (Cashier)
Production Code: HOU-517
Summary: House and the team take on the case of Nick, a book editor who loses his inhibitions. The team realizes Nick has frontal lobe inhibition, which causes him to speak his mind having no control over what he says and making him just like House. Meanwhile, House suspects Wilson and Taub are keeping something from him.

At a banquet, best-selling author Timothy Moore is called upon by his publisher Elaine to give a speech to kick off his book tour. His editor Nick Greenwald goads him on and then tells him his book won’t sell. Nick doesn’t understand why he’s saying what he’s saying continues to tell everyone exactly what he thinks and then has a nosebleed and collapses.

House arrives at the meeting room and the team informs him about Nick’s case and the fact he has frontal lobe inhibition. House orders a nasal insertion to check Nick’s nasal cavity for cancer. Kutner and Taub go to see him, and his wife and daughter Marika are already there. When Marika doesn’t respond to them, Audrey explains that her daughter has an auditory processing problem. Nick starts to insult everyone and his wife leaves in irritation.

House invites Wilson to a monster truck show but Wilson says he can’t go. Wilson finally tells him he hates monster trucks and has just put up with going to humor House. Kutner reports that they found no sign of brain damage but House insists that there’s something wrong and orders more tests.

Cuddy gets a page to check on Nick, who describes her sexually. House sent the page and notes he did it for Cuddy’s benefit. Meanwhile, Foreman discusses Nick’s comments about Thirteen and she isn’t thrilled with being judged sexually. As they monitor Nick, they ask him about his voting record and he tells them he doesn’t vote. They spot a dark bit on his brain stem and as Thirteen leaves, Foreman considers her butt.

Taub is discussing his nose size with Kutner as they eat, and discuss the social contract of people lying to each other. House sits with Wilson and wonders why it’s so important he be nice. Wilson finally admits he’s playing racquetball with Taub, but didn’t want to tell House because he thought he’d be rubbing it in that House can’t play.

Foreman checks on Nick as his kidneys start to shut down. They put him on dialysis and go over the case, and House asks Taub about his game with Wilson. He’s clearly skeptical about
what they’re doing. House has them test the daughter for inherited neurological conditions and punishes Taub by giving him extra blood tests to perform. He tells Taub he’ll keep harassing him until he tells him the truth.

Kutner tests Marika with hot and cold sensors and Audrey worries if what Nick’s saying is what he’s always felt. Marika starts to scream in pain from the treatment and confesses she didn’t say anything because she wanted to help her father. Meanwhile, Taub runs the blood tests and Nick asks him to keep Hadley away. He admits that while he has such thoughts, he has never done anything to hurt his wife. Nick notices that Taub feels guilty when he mentions cheating on one’s wife, and Taub hastily leaves.

House pages Taub to come to the morgue so he can test his racquetball skills. Taub agrees after House threatens to fire him, and gives his report on Nick. The blood tests show that Nick’s glaucoma level is normal, meaning he’s negative for diabetes. He finally admits he isn’t playing racquetball with Wilson and claims that he wanted Wilson to owe him a favor. House doesn’t believe him and tells him to have Kutner run more tests. Nick refuses once he discovers that Marika has hurt. He claims that Marika doesn’t have an auditory problem and insists that she daydreams and she’s below average. Audrey tries to keep him from talking but Marika runs away. Nick suffers from a sudden fever as his lungs fill with fluid.

Back in differential, House orders Kutner to keep testing Nick and checking on his background. He tells Taub to do something else. A little later, Taub visits Wilson to ask him to lunch, but quickly admits House sent him as a double agent. As Kutner does the tests, Nick asks Audrey to leave, saying he doesn’t know what he’ll say next. As Kutner leaves, he sees House outside of Wilson’s office. He gives his report and notes that Audrey has brought home a dog recently. Kutner suspects that the dog is responsible for a bacterial infection and House agrees and orders doxycycline treatment.

Taub comes out and reveals he managed to print out Wilson’s e-mails. Wilson has been in contact with a Dr. Gonzalez at a hospital for a consult in Manhattan. Gonzalez deals with depression in cancer patients and Taub wonders if Wilson is depressed. House doesn’t believe it.

Nick starts to recover thanks to the treatment but Foreman and Kutner warn that the damage caused by the infection won’t go away. Surgery near the brain stem is extremely dangerous but Nick is less than thrilled.

House is waiting for Wilson as he walks into the lobby. House figures he’s worried about something and reveals he knows about Gonzalez. He then figures Wilson is worried about something because he left his coat behind. Wilson snaps at him, saying he just wants a part of his life that House leaves alone.

House returns to his office to find Nick waiting for him. Nick is angry that they can’t cure him and insists that House authorize the operation so he can have his old life back. House goes to Chase and asks him to convince his boss to do the surgery. Chase wants to know why House cares and House explains that Nick is concerned that he’ll drive everyone away with his obnoxious mannerisms and assessments. Chase agrees to do what he can.

Chase and his boss proceed with the surgery as House watches. Wilson enters the galley and says he overreacted. House figures he’s upset because he lost someone. He checked the name Gonzalez and found a nurse with the name in the psych ward. House reveals that he’s learned Wilson’s brother Daniel is in treatment there. Wilson tells his friend that Daniel is on anti-psychotics and should be in condition to talk later that night. He explains that he didn’t tell House because they don’t have the normal social contract: House wouldn’t reassure him the way anyone else would. House admits it’s true... but offers to go with him.

Foreman and Taub check on Nick in post-op. He’s fine from the surgery but he’s still suffering from disinhibition. He starts to insult Audrey again as his temperature drops and she demands answers. His heart stop as Audrey backs away in shock and anger.

Back in differential, the team is unable to contact House. Foreman eliminates cancer and orders a full body scan, but Taub points out House wouldn’t do it and it won’t do any good. Foreman goes ahead with it anyway. In New York, Wilson and House wait to see Daniel and Wilson talks about how he spotted his brother once but could never find him. House knows the team is trying to get hold of him but ignores the call.

The team goes over the scans and they try to pinpoint the problem before Nick’s temperature drops to fatal levels. They find a cyst and prepare to treat. Meanwhile, House concludes that Wilson went outside with his coat to punish himself. Wilson admits that he was at med school
and didn’t have the time to talk to Daniel. One night he hung up on his brother and the next day Daniel ran away. House figures Wilson developed his people-pleasing skills as an overreaction, but Daniel overreacted as well. House realizes what is wrong with Nick and calls his team to tell them that he has a fibroma and their treatments have caused Nick’s body to overact to it, causing all of his problems. House turns to discover that Wilson has already gone to see his brother.

Later, Nick checks out and apologizes to Taub. Audrey comes in and tells Nick that she’s been offered a better position. Nick compliments her and wonders if Marika is okay. A nervous Audrey assures him that their daughter has moved on.

As House leaves, he runs into Wilson, who says he’ll be meeting with his brother again and would like House to meet him. Wilson explains that he and his brother are just strangers and it was anti-climactic. House wonders if Wilson is okay with their relationship and their honesty, and Wilson admits it’s a relief to have someone he doesn’t have to every worry about lying to.
House takes the case to his team and Taub comes in late. He isn’t thrilled with the case, thinking it isn’t that important. Taub believes Morgan has epilepsy and drank green beer. House sends Taub and Kutner to check out Morgan’s room, overriding Taub’s objections. They check out Morgan’s room at a senior citizen home and Kutner wonders why Taub is arguing with House. Taub doesn’t think much of Kutner’s friendship and finds an anti-Alzheimer’s drug that causes green urine. Taub reports it to House, thinking Morgan faked the entire thing due to Munchausen’s. House insists the seizure was real, suggests phenol caused by carbolic acid poisoning, and orders Taub to do tests to confirm. Once Taub is gone, House admits to Kutner that he lied so Taub wouldn’t know he’s going to disprove Taub’s theory.

As Taub leaves, he runs into an old classmate, Neil Zane, who came to the clinic to get an ear problem looked at. Meanwhile, House goes to see Morgan and starts flashing lights to instigate a seizure. When she has a seizure, House quickly realizes she’s faking and Morgan apologizes, then tells him that a cat predicted her death. House quickly leaves.

As Taub examines Neil, Neil says he’s now a CEO. Taub shifts a calcium deposit in his ear, curing him, and Neil asks him out for supper. Taub turns down the offer and admits that he’s now happily if somewhat boringly married.

As House leaves, Morgan shows him the cat, Debbie, and explains that it’s slept next to ten patients who have died in the last year. She asks him to see a videotape that proves what she’s saying. She starts to have trouble breathing and Foreman checks on her, then tells House that she’s actually suffering from bronchospasms that can’t be faked.

House and Cuddy watch a tape of a news story on Debbie’s ability to predict deaths by sleeping on a bed. Cuddy is skeptical and gives House 24 hours to confirm if Debbie is faking, or she’ll
kick Morgan out. House goes back to the team with Debbie and Foreman wonders if it's possible the cat is predicting deaths, or if it's causing them. House tells Taub to get him a cigar, and Taub discovers House is smoking the cigars that Neil sent him as a gift. House has figured out that Taub lost money in investments, then tells them to test Morgan's lungs for worms.

As Kutner and Taub watch the testing, Taub admits he feels bad about his wife Rachel. Kutner tries to cheer him up without success. Thirteen confirms there are no worms in Morgan's lungs. House takes a crash cart and the cat to the coma patients' ward. House is intent on proving if the cat can predict deaths, and Kutner wonders if it's actually possible. He puts the cat on the patients and they realize one of the patients has a cat allergy. Debbie sits on another patient's bed but nothing happens. House has them check Foreman's airborne allergen theory and goes to his office. Cuddy is less than thrilled and sees that House has stolen genetically-modified mice from the lab, and tells him to get rid of the cat. She tells him the team's test turned up negative, as Taub has obligingly informed her. House points out the risks to Morgan but Cuddy insists on discharging her.

House takes Morgan out in a wheelchair and lights up a cigar, blowing smoke in her face. He reveals he checked her purse and found lots of superstitious items. He figures something happened a few years ago and she admits that her stepson Timothy choked to death in school despite the teachers' best efforts. House figures she wants his death to make sense but points out is that it's meaningless and won't help her get back together with her ex. Morgan starts to choke and House sees a rash on her neck, but admits it won't be enough. He has another doctor confirm her bronchospasms and takes her back to the hospital.

House has Taub change the cat's litter box as punishment for ratting him out to Cuddy. Taub refuses and leaves in disgust. House suspects Churg-Strauss and Kutner discovers that House planted Debbie in his bag. House admits he did it to test if Kutner was as superstitious as he claimed earlier in the coma ward. House orders steroid treatments for Churg-Strauss while they conduct more tests.

Taub goes to dinner with Neil and finally admits he had an affair with the daughter of one of his partners, he had to quit, and he told his wife Rachel anyway. Neil is thrilled with his life and his job. Taub gives him advice on one of his new medical tools, a laser scalpel, and Neil is duly impressed, and Taub considers the expensive office.

Morgan tells Thirteen that her urine is brown and she didn't do anything. The next morning, House is satisfied but Thirteen isn't so sure. House then opens an umbrella in the office to further irritate Kutner. Foreman notes they've ruled out everything that made the urine brown, and wonders what would have combined with the remaining green urine to make brown. House concludes it's strep bovis infection from colon cancer. There are no tumors, however. House spills some salt and Kutner admits there are some things he isn't so sure about. Taub comes in and House tells them to give Morgan a pillcam to test for tumors. As the team leaves, Kutner throws the salt over his shoulder and avoids a ladder House has leaned against the door.

Later that night, Kutner calls to tell House they've found spider veins on Morgan's back, indicating Cushing's. It accounts for the brown urine but not the bronchospasms. Kutner tells House that the coma patient suddenly died after a year and a half: the cat was right.

House arrives at the hospital and discovers the cat is missing. As they search for it, they wonder if it's a coincidence. Kutner suggests the cat might have smelled liver or kidney failure, but House has checked the dead patients' records from the senior citizen center and most of them didn't have those symptoms. House starts to have breathing problems and his nose starts bleeding, then he spits what appears to be blood in Kutner's face. He reveals it's cranberry juice,
and another assault on Kutner's superstitions. House tells them to have Chase do a venous sampling on her brain: otherwise the disease is in Morgan's adrenals.

Taub meets with Neil and asks to come work with him. Neil tells him that he can't hire him right away and he just hired a chief medical officer. Taub offers to invest in the laser scalpel and Neil offers to take him on for a smaller amount, but warns it will take a way to pay off. Taub insists that he needs to start changing and Neil agrees.

As House starts an autopsy on the coma patient, Chase arrives to tell the Morgan went into cardiac arrest during the surgery. An ACTH test apparently confirms it's in the brain. Next they wonder if they have to remove the pituitary, but House says that it's up to Morgan to decide and sends Foreman and Chase to ask her. Wilson wonders why House isn't berating Morgan to get the treatment. He points out that House's obsessions save lives, but this time it's something different that he doesn't understand.

Chase explains to Morgan how to treat for Cushing's, but warns that the only permanent surgery is pituitary removal. Morgan says she wants the surgery because of the cat. Chase says there's a role for prayer and faith, but it doesn't belong in the operating room. Morgan insists there's a reason for all the bad things that happened to her, because if there is no reason then she doesn't want to live.

As Chase prepares Morgan for surgery, Taub goes to House and tells him he's quitting. House doesn't believe him and tells him to bring pastries, but Taub simply turns and leaves. As House goes over the files, he sees the cat enter his office and tries to capture it. It gets up on his laptop computer and House strokes it, then notices a difference between the cat and the videotape image.

Taub goes to Neil's company only to discover that Neil doesn't work there any more. The secretary informs Taub that Neil was a temp and is in custody. He has been ripping off people by faking an ear injury, claiming he went to high school with them, then tricking them into investing. Fortunately, Taub hasn't given Neil his money yet.

House goes to Wilson and explains that the cat was seeking out warmth: all the patients either had fevers or were using a heating blanket. Since Morgan was overheated, House points out only one thing would account for all the symptoms: a corticotrophin-producing tumor of the intestines. It must be somewhere the pillcam couldn't go: her appendix. House quickly calls the operating room to get the brain surgery stopped.

As Morgan packs, House visits her to gloat. He points out she was willing to risk brain surgery based on a superstition. House insists that he diagnosed her based on science and reason, but she notes that something else might have led the cat to House at just the right moment. She insists that people having something to live for is important, even if it's a superstition or religious belief. House wishes her well and goes back to his office, only to discover that there's cat pee on his chair. Kutner takes credit for it as revenge for the fake blood incident, and House just walks away. As he leaves for the night, Taub comes in with pastries and sits down in the conference room. He looks up and sees the cat watching him.
Locked In

Season 5
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Guest Stars: Faune A. Chambers (Molly), John Kapelos (Dr. Kurtz), Mos Def (Lee), Skye Barrett (Jolie), Scotty Noyd Jr. (Drake Percy)
Production Code: HOU-519
Summary: House is injured in a motorcycle accident in New York and finds himself in bed next to a patient suffering from complete paralysis. As House transfers the patient to Princeton to determine what’s wrong with him, Wilson tries to find out why House was in New York.

A man, Lee, wakes up in a hospital in Middletown, NY, but nobody is able to hear him and he’s unable to move. Dr. Kurtz is preparing Lee for organ transplant because they believe he’s brain-dead. However, House is there after a motorcycle accident and insists that Lee is still alive but suffering from locked in syndrome. Kurtz disagrees with him but House gets Lee to blink to acknowledge he’s conscious.

Kurtz confirms that Lee is conscious and his brain is fully functional. Lee remembers that he was riding his bike when the brake malfunctioned and he had an accident, and his brain stem is cut off from the rest of his body. Lee wonders where his wife Molly is. House wonders if the brain damage caused the crash rather than the other way around. Kurtz disagrees with House’s diagnosis and orders him back to bed. Molly comes in to see Lee and he doesn’t want his children to see him like that.

House calls in his team to analyze Lee and they run a differential. Thirteen wonders why he was in Middletown and House says he was buying a rare guitar. House has some forms on hand and gets Lee into the hospital’s MRI. They put a pair of MRI virtual goggles on him that make it appear he’s on a beach... talking to House. Lee has a hallucinatory conversation about God and he thinks House was sent there by God. Lee’s children are playing on the beach.

House checks in with Lee later and says he has a lesion in the central pons of the brain, a lesion House believes is caused by cancer. House notes that if Lee gets sicker because of Kurtz’ antiviral treatment, it’ll prove Kurtz wrong. House is intrigued by Lee’s case and as they talk, Lee has a seizure. Kurtz still disagrees with House but Lee signals by blinking that he wants House to handle his case.

Taub and Cuddy meet House as he arrives with Lee, and Cuddy wants to know why House was in New York. Taub tries to take his job back but House doesn’t believe he’s committed. Wilson arrives and also wants to know why House was in Middletown. House again claims he
was buying a guitar but Wilson doesn’t believe him, and suspects House is going to another state to get drugs. House responds by claiming he was telling one of Wilson’s ex-wives that he’s making more money on the lecture circuit so she should adjust the alimony.

Kutner and Taub check on Lee and Taub admits he isn’t sure if he cares enough to try and impress House. They notice something and go to get House. They suspect his condition was brought on by alcohol but Lee doesn’t drink heavily. Later, Thirteen puts in a catheter and prepares him for surgery so they can perform a brain biopsy to check the lesion. Lee’s wife and children arrive and tell him they love him. Molly gets them out as Lee cries.

Chase performs the surgery and puts Lee under. Lee hallucinates himself back on the beach playing with his children as House looks on. Lee still insists that God brought House to him to cure him. Lee wakes up after the operation as Chase checks his brain function with yes-no questions but Lee discovers he can no longer blink.

House and Foreman conclude that the surgery may have caused swelling and damaged the nerves. The team goes back to differential and eliminates symptoms, and Taub suggests that they hook Lee up to a brain-computer interface. Taub waits for Lee to move the cursor on a screen with brain impulses, but gets no response.

Wilson pursues the matter of House’s visit to New York after learning his ex-wife in New York was out of the country. House reveals he was going to see Foreman’s brother, who is in prison.

Taub talks to Lee about how he’s sick and scared of his career. As he gets up to leave, the cursor moves and Lee recovers consciousness. They ask him about contributing factors and Molly notes he was in St. Louis. Lee denies it and House tries to determine where he was. He figures that Lee was having an affair but Lee knows that he wasn’t. He has no way to communicate that, however.

Using yes-and-no questions and working with Molly, House determines that Lee was living near his home and stayed with a friend. Kutner and Taub check the house’s basement where Lee was staying. What Lee can’t tell them was that he was staying there when his business wasn’t doing well, and he didn’t want to scare his family. Kutner determines Lee worked as a temp at a factory making rechargeable cell phone batteries. They suspect heavy metal poisoning from cadmium and go back to the hospital to use chelation to scrub the particles out of his body. As Taub tends to Lee, he thanks the patient for proving his brain-interface idea was correct. Later, Foreman talks to Lee about buying jewelry for Thirteen, but she didn’t wear it. Lee remembers she wore it the other day when she inserted the catheter. When Molly sits with him, she wonders why Lee didn’t tell her what was going on.

Taub goes to see House and insists he wants to keep his job. House says he needs to come up with a good idea, and Taub insists the brain interface was his idea. House points out the credit goes to the guy who made the machine and wonders why Taub is there. Taub admits that what they do there terrifies him, but he has to overcome it to matter. House points out Taub hasn’t done anything on his own to improve Lee’s condition and suggests that maybe he doesn’t matter.

Thirteen starts to close Lee’s eyes so he can sleep but notices the epithelium is torn. She puts dye into his right eye and determines it’s ulcerative keratitis, not cadmium poisoning.

Cameron tends to House’s injury while House discusses the case. She suggests he do a LP to narrow it down, and he wonders why he fired her. Later, Wilson checks and confirms that House didn’t visit Foreman’s brother. He again asks House what he was doing in Middletown, and House says he went there to check on the caregiver Wilson was sleeping with, the same caregiver who takes care of Wilson’s brother.

Foreman does a lumbar puncture but Lee flatlines. He hallucinates himself on the beach with House again, who informs him he’s about to be dead. They revive him while Lee admits to himself that he can’t do anything for his family. Kutner interprets his beeps through the brain-interface that he has an itch in his right foot, indicating liver problems. As they prepare to test his liver, Kutner asks where Thirteen’s bracelet is. She explains that she wore it earlier when Foreman didn’t notice, but she got some urine on it when she put the catheter into Lee. Kutner finds a rash on her arm and concludes that there were rats in the basement where Lee was staying, and he got a leptospirosis infection transferred via urine spread through a cut on Lee’s finger. They start treatment and Kutner gets Lee to concentrate and move one finger.

House congratulates the team on coming up with the rat diagnosis and Taub takes credit for it. Once he leaves, House wonders if Kutner is okay with the fact Taub stole the credit from him. House figures that if Taub cares enough to lie, he’s good enough for the job. As House goes,
Wilson hands him a cell phone and says he stole it. Wilson figures that House wouldn't have lied initially if he found out Wilson was dating a caregiver. He called the last numbers on House's phone and learned he was calling a psychiatrist.

House goes into Lee's room and retrieves the cell phone he placed there to listen in on his team. Lee wakes up and says that God must have sent House to cure him, but House says he's much less interesting now. As they go, Wilson wonders what has changed with House that he'd see a psychiatrist, and figures Cuddy is the reason. House says he isn't going back and erases the phone number, and says the therapy didn't work. Wilson warns he'll end up alone, but House just leaves.
House, MD Episode Guide

Simple Explanation

Season 5
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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Colleen Camp (Charlotte), Meat Loaf (Eddie), Mary Jo Deschanel (Julia), Ed Brigadier (Richard), Bob Rusch (Phil), Hart Boykin (Arthur), Debbie Campbell (Katherine), Taylor Hardick (Rosabel), Liz Benoit (Nurse Anne), Roger Narayan (Pundit)
Production Code: HOU-520
Summary: The team deals with an older woman who has been tending to her dying husband but is stricken down with an unknown disease that threatens to kill her before her husband. However, they must overcome their own emotions when a tragedy strikes one of their members.

Eddie lies dying of lung cancer as his wife Charlotte looks on with his friends and relatives who have gathered to pay their final respects. Eddie asks to be alone with his wife and then apologizes for never taking her to Rio. Charlotte says she loves him and always has. Eddie says he's ready but then Charlotte starts to gasp for breath. She clutches at her throat as Eddie calls for help.

House arrives at his office and Taub gives him the case on Charlotte. House is more curious to learn why Thirteen and Kutner are missing. Kutner's dog is sick and Thirteen is with a patient. House is more interested in noting that Taub stole Kutner's cure for their previous patient. Charlotte did visit her sister in Hawaii, suggesting meliodosis, but it would have spread to Eddie. Taub suggests a virus and House orders treatment, but Thirteen arrives informs them that Charlotte is demanding to be released. The wife believes that Eddie got stronger when she stopped breathing. House agrees to send her home but Taub has an idea. He brings Eddie in to his wife's room.

House is seeing a young girl, Rosabel, in the clinic. She appears to be insensate but House realizes that she's been drinking her mother's mouthwash. The team informs House that Charlotte is recovering, but he isn't interested. Instead he wants to know where Kutner is. They're interrupted when Charlotte has another respiratory attack and Taub can't account for it.

Thirteen and Foreman go to Kutner's apartment but get no answer. They go in and they find... his corpse. Kutner has apparently shot himself in the head and is long dead.

The team meets and initially no one has anything to say. House finally wonders if Kutner said anything to anyone about any problems he was having. He wonders if Kutner panicked and starts to blame the team, and then admits he's just trying to reach out to him. Thirteen says Kutner didn't reach out to them but Foreman blames himself for not seeing anything suspicious.
Taub insists Kutner was an idiot and would rather deal with their patients. He thinks Eddie is willing himself to live, but Foreman suggests they should pass it on to another doctor. House disagrees and says it’ll never be okay. As forces the team back to differential, Cuddy comes in to offer grief counseling and time off if they want it. The best they can come up with on Charlotte is polyserositis and House orders treatment. As he goes to his office, Cuddy trails along and House insists that he’s fine. Wilson is absent for the moment, and Cuddy wonders if House knew anything House admits he didn’t. Cuddy apologizes for his loss, but House insists it isn’t his loss. Taub goes to treat Charlotte and House decides to go with Foreman and Thirteen to see Kutner’s parents.

Taub explains the anti-inflammatory treatment to Charlotte while Eddie tells her to imagine that she finally made it down to Rio. Taub interrupts him to run one more test on Eddie. Kutner’s adoptive parents Julia and Richard show House and the others photos of Kutner and talk about his childhood. They ask if they had any idea why Kutner shot himself, and House suggests that Kutner lived in a divided world. He says Kutner’s parents should have let him keep his original idea and they didn’t understand him. Richard snaps at him but House continues, saying Kutner just buried his pain deeper. Foreman tells him to go back to the hospital. He offers his condolences and leaves.

Taub reports to House that Charlotte’s treatment didn’t take, but Eddie seems to be recovering. House notes that Taub didn’t ask about Kutner, but Taub insists Kutner didn’t want help. House concludes that Taub tried to kill himself, but Taub refuses to be distracted. House realizes that if none of the diagnoses fit, there’s only one diagnosis left. He believes she has hypertrophic cardial myopathy, and they need to induce a massive heart attack to destroy the extreme muscle. He finally admits he’s lying, to convince Charlotte to tell the truth. He explains that Charlotte is faking so that Eddie will hang on. Charlotte admits it’s true and that they’ve become closer, but then clutches at her leg in pain. House checks her legs and discovers muscle dissipation proving that she’s not faking.

House goes back over the case, and admits that he was wrong about Kutner having racial problems. Taub suggests MS and House orders a MRI to confirm, then tells Taub to do an echo on Eddie to see if he’s improving. House confronts Cuddy and points out that Kutner had a public streaking record. Cuddy figures he’s still deflecting and that Kutner was a lot like House, but House says if he thought that way then he would have realized it’s better to live in misery than die.

Thirteen discusses Charlotte’s 30-year relationship while running the MRI, and Charlotte admits that Eddie never showed much affection toward her even though he loved her. However, she didn’t need him to. She passes out and Thirteen runs to her aid. Meanwhile, Taub runs the echo and Eddie hopes he has more time with Charlotte to do better by her. Taub is skeptical and says it’s easier to think about it then to do it. He determines that Eddie’s heart hasn’t improved.

Cuddy goes to see Wilson and tells him that House needs him. Wilson thinks Cuddy just wants someone to take care of House, and she explains what House said to Kutner’s parents.

Chase operates on Charlotte’s spleen so they can biopsy it for rheumatic arthritis. He wonders why Taub is watching, and tells him to go home to mourn his friend. Taub insists he’s more concerned about Charlotte who wanted to live. Chase determines that whatever Charlotte has is spreading to her liver.

House goes to Kutner’s apartment and tries to find some clue to why he killed himself. Wilson arrives and wonders if his friend is okay. House that Kutner kept pictures of his birth parents and adoptive parents side by side, and had no reason to hide any other pain. Wilson suggests they go get drunk but House insists he’s missing something. Wilson thinks he’s trying to solve a puzzle, but House concludes that he didn’t miss something and Kutner was murdered.

Back in differential, House informs Thirteen and Taub that Foreman took time off. Thirteen was unaware that her boyfriend took the time off. Taub admits that Eddie isn’t improving, so House turns to Kutner’s murder. He goes over possible motives and tells them to investigate, but Thirteen refuses to chase ghosts. Taub wonders why House is pursuing the irrational, and House turns back to Charlotte and tells them to test for an alpha 1 anti-trypsin deficiency. As Taub runs the test, Charlotte asks to be with Eddie. She asks about whether someone can bypass the organ donation registry, then tells Taub to transplant her heart into Eddie if she dies first.

Thirteen goes to see Foreman, who apologizes for wanting to deal with Kutner’s suicide on her own like he’s dealt with other bad things in his life. Upset, she turns and goes.
Cuddy discovers that House is going through Kutner’s e-mails. He believes that the man who murdered Kutner’s birth parents, and who is due to be released for parole. Cuddy doesn’t believe it and House concludes she won’t transfer Charlotte’s case because it’s the only thing holding him together. She promises to find him another patient if he’ll cure Charlotte.

Charlotte goes into seizures but Taub realizes that she tried to kill herself so Eddie could have her heart. They stabilize her but her liver is destroyed and she only has 24 hours unless she gets a new liver. Taub insists she did it out of love but House doesn’t believe it. They can’t authorize a transplant without a diagnosis, but House is willing to lie. Taub says they should be honest and tell Cuddy the truth, just like Kutner would have suggested.

House decides to talk to Cameron, who realizes he want to think it’s murder because it lets him off the hook. House suggests they get a partial liver transplant from Eddie, but she points out that would kill him. House admits it would, and Charlotte would get the whole liver. House believes Eddie would only do it if he loves Charlotte, and wanted to get Cameron’s opinion. She explains it to Eddie, who agrees. Cameron warns that if they warn Charlotte by letting him say goodbye, it may tip her off. Eddie realizes his wife will resent her but signs the donation papers nonetheless.

Cameron points out to House that Eddie has nodules on his fingers, meaning he has something that could be curable. House doesn’t believe her and Cameron wonders why. House has learned that the killer of Kutner’s birth parents died two months ago. Cameron says he didn’t get a chance to save Kutner, but he can run the tests and save Eddie.

After running the tests, House tells Eddie that he is suffering from cardiac blastomycosis brought on by a fungus infection. It’s rare but curable, and his emotional state altered his body chemistry and put him into temporary remission. Eddie refuses the treatment, saying he was ready to die. He warns that if House won’t do it, he’ll go out after he’s released and kill himself so they can take his liver then.

House explains the situation to Taub and Thirteen, saying if they agree to Eddie’s demands they can protect the liver. Thirteen refuses to do it but Taub agrees, saying they’ve already had one pointless death. However, Taub takes Eddie to Charlotte and explains the situation, then asks her what she wants him to do. Charlotte passes out from fever as her white cells increase. Taub insists he did the right thing by convincing Eddie to live. Nothing fits the symptoms and House realizes that there’s a clue they don’t have. House goes to see Charlotte and demands answers: she realizes that Charlotte didn’t go to Hawaii. She went to Rio, where she caught visceral leishmaniasis caused by sand flies. Charlotte admits that she went to Rio with a friend when she grew tired of waiting for Eddie to take her. House orders antimony treatment and has Cuddy find Charlotte a liver.

Later, Cuddy gets the liver shipped but Taub tells her the treatment isn’t taking because they diagnosed her too late. She’s leaving for Kutner’s funeral with the others, but Taub refuses to go with her. She tries to console him, saying that Charlotte bought them time to save Eddie, but Taub doesn’t think it gave her death any meaning.

Wilson confronts House, saying he is in pain. He’s worried that House is terrified of losing his gift, and what he’ll do if he accepts that. House tells him to go to the funeral.

Cuddy, Cameron, Chase, Wilson, Taub, and Thirteen attend the Hindu funeral with Kutner’s friends and family. Thirteen sees Foreman in the back, watching. Thirteen and Foreman are among the pallbearers.

Eddie takes Charlotte’s hand and kisses it as she dies. He and Taub watch as she passes away.

House goes back to Kutner’s apartment and wonders what he’s missed as he examines photos of his life.

Foreman takes Thirteen’s hand.
Taub sits in the hospital corridor, alone and crying.
Saviors

Season 5
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Guest Stars: Tim Rock (Doug Swenson), Lindsey McKeon (Franni), Parisa Fakhri (Susan), Bruno Oliver (Paul), Jill Remz (Sandy), Grinnell Morris (Mine Employee #1), Paul Benz (Mine Employee #2), James McAndrew (State Trooper #1), Cory Blevins (State Trooper #2)
Production Code: HOU-521
Summary: Cameron postpones her vacation with Chase to take on the case of an environmentalist who collapsed in the middle of a protest. Meanwhile, House wonders why Wilson is starting a new healthy diet.

Environmental protestor Doug Swenson has chained himself and his fellow protestors to a truck at a coal mine. The miner demand that they leave so they can do their jobs, and Doug points out they should worry about their kids. One of the protestors, Susan, passes out from dehydration. Doug gives in and frees himself and the others. However, when he tries to get up he discovers that he can't.

Cameron meets with Chase to inform him that she needs to push back their getaway. She explains she owes a doctor a favor and wants to get his patient in to see House, and has to stick around to make sure House doesn't just throw it away once she's gone. Chase says he needs a break after Kutner's death but she says once she's satisfied House is on the case, she'll leave.

Cameron takes the case to House, and he suspects that she wants to work with him. Cameron insists that Doug isn't faking it despite Taub's doubts. House orders a vestibular caloric test and tells Cameron to run it herself. She injects ice water into Doug's ear to determine where the balance problem lies. He asks her to remove the flowers from the room, complaining that they're treated with pesticides. Doug suffers from vertigo from the test and then throws up on Cameron's shoes.

House chats with Wilson in the cafeteria and admits he suspects that Cameron wants to work with him. Wilson doesn't believe it, then orders an egg-white omelet with wheat toast and no bacon. House notices the order and wonders what's going on. Wilson points out that House is trying to avoid talking about Kutner, despite the fact that he's wearing the watch Kutner gave him as a gift. House dismisses his concerns and ignores Wilson's tray of food.

House's team wonder why House is making Cameron run the tests herself, and if he wants her around to mother him. Cameron reports that the test results were negative. House is convinced that Doug isn't faking. Foreman suggests the possibility of a stress-induced carotid atherosclerosis and House orders Cameron to do a carotid doppler to see if his heart skips. As Cameron runs...
the test, Doug starts to hiccup and says he’s been doing it for about a week. Cameron leaves but when Chase if she’s ready to go, she insists that the hiccups are a new symptom. He wonders if she’s trying to avoid him, and Cameron says she has another reason but she can’t tell him what it is. Chase agrees to wait for her.

Cameron reports to House, who admits that he’s hooked and tells her to go back to the E.R. House wonders why she ran the tests when he’s not her boss. Cameron insists she cares about the patient, and wants to help nurse the team back to mental health after Kutner’s death. House doesn’t believe it, but doesn’t believe any likely explanation makes sense.

Cameron reports the hiccups to the team and House tells them to run the differential. Cameron suggests organophosphate poisoning, but Taub notes that Doug is Scandinavian, and Scandinavians are more susceptible to MS. House tells her to do a lumbar puncture and Cameron gets Foreman to help him. He wonders why she’s there and wonders if she wants Kutner’s position. She says all she did was postpone a trip, but he points out she chose House over Chase.

Chase approaches Cuddy and asks if she’s discussed filling Kutner’s slot. He wonders if Cameron has applied for the position but Cuddy says that she hasn’t spoken to her. He asks Cuddy if she’s in love with House, and she says it’s ridiculous. He asks Cuddy if she’s in love with House, and she says that’s even more ridiculous, but he notes she didn’t answer either question.

House is going through the staff refrigerator looking for Wilson’s food and finds kale. A woman, Franni, arrives and says she’s Doug’s wife. House notes that Doug claimed he was single and she had to find a sitter for her son. When Franni says that Wilson told her where House was, he confronts Cameron and accuses her of spying for Wilson. She points out that Wilson doesn’t need her, and House agrees, noting his theory doesn’t explain Wilson’s new diet. They notice a swelling on Doug’s neck, indicating leakage from the lungs.

Back in differential, the team go over the symptoms and Thirteen suggests progressive systemic sclerosis caused by exposure to solvents at industrial waste sites. House orders steroid treatment and a workup to confirm, then takes Cameron off the case. Cameron asks and House says he wants to see where Cameron goes when she can’t be with the patient.

Cuddy confronts Cameron and asks if she’s in love with House. Cameron figures she’s “marking her territory” and Cuddy insists that Chase and Cameron are great together.

Franni wonders when Doug will stop his protest activities. He insists that he can’t quit and that he’s protesting for everyone’s sons, not just his own. Franni is furious that Doug doesn’t care more for their own son.

House visits Wilson at home and Wilson figures he’s there to search his kitchen to figure out why he’s on a new diet. House has checked his medical records and determined Wilson is healthy, so concludes that it goes back to Kutner. He suggests that Wilson is facing his own mortality with Kutner’s death. Wilson counters by showing all the fatty foods in his refrigerator. Foreman calls to tell House that Doug is screaming in pain from agony in his leg. House suspects an infection that they’ve made worse with the steroid treatments, and orders new lower-order x-rays to confirm.

Taub and Thirteen run the x-rays and Thirteen wonders if Taub talks to his wife. Taub figures she’s talking about Foreman, and she admits that Foreman didn’t want to talk immediately after Kutner’s death. They’re interrupted when they discover that Doug broke a femur while laying in bed. House suggests some form of cancer caused by carcinogen exposure. House has Chase repair the break while they prepare Doug for chemo treatment. Foreman interrupts the surgery to order a bone biopsy. When Chase wonders what Cameron thinks, he’s surprised to learn that Cameron is no longer on the case.

House talks to Cameron and wonders why she’s still interested, and notes that she’s avoiding home because she thinks Chase isn’t there. She doesn’t know that House called Chase to the hospital to perform the surgery on Doug. He accuses her of emotionally walking away from House, and Cameron explains that she found where Chase hid the engagement ring. She doesn’t want him to ask as a knee-jerk reaction to Kutner dying. House just walks away.

A wife is at the clinic and her domineering husband explains her symptoms. House tries to suggest the wife may have used a hot tub somewhere. Cuddy interrupts to ask what’s going on with Cameron. House rules out two possibilities and Cuddy is satisfied, and House figures that she was worried Cameron was after House. When House turns to answer the husband,
Cuddy slips away. House gives up and explains that the wife has a skin infection caused by contaminated hot tubs, and it's clear she doesn't use them with her husband.

Foreman informs Doug and Franni that the bone biopsy proved negative for cancer. He checks Doug's leg and discovers that he's bleeding out. House insists they go ahead with chemotherapy despite the fact it will weaken Doug's immune system. Taub suggests an alternative: they give Doug an insulin-like growth factor to accelerate the growth of tumors so they can find them. House agrees and tells them to go ahead.

House goes to Wilson's office and says he's lost his mojo and is missing clues and failing to come up with treatments that even Taub can figure out. Wilson insists that it's good, because it means he's distracted by Kutner's suicide and the fact he can't find a reason for it. Wilson offers him some carrots and leaves.

Taub explains their new treatment and Franni is less than happy. Doug admits he's exposed himself to a lot of bad stuff and wants his life to mean something. His heart stops and they're forced to resuscitate.

Chase goes to see Cameron in the cafeteria and demands answers. She admits it looks bad, and Chase wants to know why he should trust her. Cameron asks for a little more time but Chase refuses, saying it has nothing to do with him any more. He tells Cameron to let him know when he can pick up his things, then leaves.

With the new symptom of tachycardia, the team isn't able to come up with a differential. House orders the insertion of a defibrillator to keep him alive so they can finish their tests. He then goes to the vending machine where Wilson is buying a snack. House admits he's out of ideas, but then notices Wilson has put his money in but hasn't selected anything. Wilson always puts the money in and orders right away. House notes there's nothing healthy in the machine and Wilson gets gummy bears, which House hates. House figures it out: Wilson has been screwing with him the entire time. He's been eating healthy to keep House from mooching food from him. Wilson explains that he tried to withdraw and change his life after Amber died, and it was a mistake. He figures House needs a dose of reality to get back to normal himself. House starts to walk away, then gets an idea.

Taub explains the defibrillator insertion technique to Doug and Franni. House arrives and asks if they have a garden, or a window box, or any plants. House notes that all marriages suck, and the Swensons' marriage is no exception. Doug realized that Franni was leaving him and bought her commercial roses for their anniversary. She wasn't there and he tossed the flowers. House realizes that Doug got a sporotrichosis infection from the thorns. The steroid and insulin-like treatments spread it to his heart and bones.

House goes to see Cameron and tells her that she is having commitment issues because she lost her first husband, and her worries have come up again because of Kutner's death. He figures that she wants to force Chase to dump her so she doesn't have to. Cameron goes to see Chase and explains what she was going through. She apologizes and suggests that he propose to her after she ruined his planned proposal. Chase considers it, then gets down on one knee and proposes to her. She accepts.

Franni kisses Doug goodbye and leaves for good.

House helps himself to Wilson's French fries in the cafeteria.

Chase and Cameron give Cuddy the news about the engagement.

House is at home playing the piano. He looks up and sees... Amber. She congratulates him on the fact he's back to normal and isn't losing it after all.
House Divided

Season 5
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Season Episode: 22

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Anne Dudek (Amber), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Ryan Lane (Seth Miller), Clare Carey (Ellie Miller), Tresheille Edmond (Laura), Becky O’Donohue (Karamel), Noah Schuffman (Immigration Officer #1), Italia Ricci (Immigration Officer #2), Jamie Sorrentini (Stripper), Andray Johnson (Referee), Jorge Gonzalez Borrelli (Deaf Coach)
Production Code: HOU-522
Summary: A deaf 14-year old wrestler suffers from hearing problems during a match, but his mother refuses to okay cochlear implants. Meanwhile, House’s insomnia proves a curse... and a blessing.

Seth Miller, a 14-year-old wrestler, is going into the ring. His girlfriend and translator Laura encourages him. His mother, Ellie, is wearing a deaf pride shirt and cheering him from the sidelines. He takes on his opponent but clutches at his head when he suddenly "hears" loud explosions.

House is at home trying to sleep but his hallucination of Amber is keeping him awake. He insists she’s brought on by insomnia, but she wonders why he’s hallucinating Wilson’s dead girlfriend. She suggests it might be guilt over Kutner’s suicide. Later, House staggers into the conference room and the team brings him up to speed on Seth’s case. Seth went deaf at age 4 due to meningitis, and Thirteen wonders why he doesn’t have cochlear implants. House suspects a seizure and has them run tests, even though Amber, representing his subconscious, doesn’t agree with him and talks about the limp leading the blind.

House goes to get a prescription for sleeping pills from Wilson, and finds him with Cameron. Wilson hastily closes the file they’re reviewing and Amber notices it. She also notices Wilson gave him the prescription without a lecture. House knocks over a paper cup and grabs the file, and discovers it contains flyers for bars. Cameron admits she asked Wilson to plan a bachelor party for Chase. House cheerfully volunteers over Cameron’s objections.

Thirteen and Foreman do the seizure tests and Thirteen notes that it’s admirable that Seth doesn’t want cochlear implants as a matter of pride and culture. Foreman doesn’t buy it. They’re interrupted when Ellie informs them that Seth has gone blind in one eye.

House remembers Amber’s early comment. The team suggests a variety of tests and House tells them to go ahead. He grabs his sleeping pills and goes into an exam room, then wonders how “Amber” knew he’d go blind. She explains how the stress of the seizure test would cause inflammation, causing the blindness. Amber then suggests he play loud music. House takes a
boom box to Seth’s room and puts it on his chest. Seth admits he can’t feel the vibrations in his hands, indicating neuropathy. House tosses the sleeping pills away, admitting the case just got interesting.

Foreman wonders how House knew about the neuropathy, and Amber reminds him about juggling pins and Seth’s wrestling match. House realizes that Seth lost his last three matches, indicating a loss of balance. Foreman suggests that it might be increased ICP from a brain tumor and Amber agrees. House backtracks and Taub suggests NF2 cancer may have caused Seth’s deafness. House tells him to test via MRI and then has Thirteen and Foreman check out a strip club for him. As Thirteen slips a stripper some money, Foreman wonders why House is so insistent on doing the bachelor club. He suspects that House is trying to get Chase into slipping.

Taub explains that they can remove the NF2 cancer and restore Seth’s hearing. Seth wants them to remove the tumor but leave him deaf. Seth doesn’t want to lose his school and his girlfriend, but Laura and Ellie point out he has no choice. The tests show no cancer. House does notice a slight bowing of the ventricle that might indicate a tumor. Taub doesn’t agree and the only way to confirm is to drill into his brain. Amber suggests they look at Seth’s old x-rays from when he broke his nose.

Wilson is explaining to Chase how he and his third wife eloped was to avoid House’s bachelor party for him when House arrives with the x-rays. As Wilson examines them, House suggests that a bachelor party is a test of Chase’s commitment. Wilson confirms the bowing of the ventricle is new, but they still need a brain biopsy to confirm. Wilson tells House he won’t go to the bachelor party because he always gets embarrassed at them. House says it’s okay and leaves.

Chase performs the brain biopsy while House and Amber watch. Amber suggests they get the stripper from Wilson’s party because she might bond with Chase. Chase wonders who he’s talking about, and then tells House there’s no sign of a biopsy. Amber goads House into telling Chase to put in a cochlear implant. Chase wants to wait for the paperwork but House points out putting in an implant wouldn’t help him diagnose Seth, so he can’t be lying.

Later, Chase checks the implant while Ellie goes to Cuddy to complain. House warns they can’t remove it so soon after brain surgery. Amber points out that Ellie is taking the news calmly and House concludes that she wanted Seth to hear, but didn’t have the guts to make the call herself. Once she leaves, House insists that Seth is opting into a handicap and that’s why he told Chase to put in the implant. Cuddy orders Foreman to handle the case and House accepts it and leaves.

House begins to wonder to Amber why he did it. Back in differential, the team determines that Seth is suffering from a fever. Meanwhile, Amber tries different candy in an attempt to get House to remember the name of Wilson’s stripper. They wonder if Laura gave Seth Epstein-Barr and Foreman orders tests. House goes to see Wilson, who explains that House ordered the implant because he was trying to be nice. Amber doesn’t believe it. When Wilson insists he isn’t going to the bachelor party, House just says he has no control over Wilson and leaves.

Seth argues with Ellie about removing the implant, but reconsiders once he hears her say his name. Taub comes in to run the test for Epstein-Barr and Seth urinates uncontrollably onto the bed.

The next morning, House has everyone try alcohol-infused ice cream samples for the bachelor party. Taub suggest sarcoidosis but Foreman notes the symptoms came on too fast. Amber reminds House of a med school case about a wrestler with damaged kidneys brought on by steroid treatment. The team’s voices start to fade out as Amber notes that the kidneys failed when the patient was laying down, at night. House tells the team it’s Seth’s heart and orders tests to confirm.

In his office, Amber explains that House’s hearing is fading because he’s getting better at ignoring everything that doesn’t matter. Chase comes in to talk about the bachelor party, and tells House to kidnap him for the bachelor party. As House tosses Chase some ice cream, he finally remembers the stripper’s name was Karamel.

Laura talks to Seth and says how great it is that he can hear, and wishes she could have one. Seth insists nobody needs one, but Laura says it will open up a new world for him. Seth doesn’t agree. Laura asks where the bathroom is, and Seth notices how she sounds for the first time. Thirteen says it’ll take time for his voice to sound normal.

House is guzzling energy drinks when Taub and Foreman tell him that all the tests show Seth’s heart is fine. Amber insists it isn’t, and that the arrhythmia is hiding. House suggests
they put Seth on a tread mill, but Foreman refuses because of the possibility of bleeding of the brain. Foreman has Taub and Thirteen run a thyroid panel. Once they’re gone, House tries to figure out how to runs the stress test on Seth. Amber suggests asthma meds to make the heart beat faster, revealing the arrhythmia. However, as House prepares the shot, Seth screams in pain after he deliberately rips out the implants. The stress reveals that he has arrhythmia.

House takes over again as they try to figure out what would account for the arrhythmia. They’re unaware that Amber is holding up a lit lighter. House orders them to do a VQ scan for embolisms. House goes to the morgue to practice his alcohol lighting routine. He sets a corpse on fire instead. Amber suggests that all of the symptoms have one thing in common: heat. House calls Foreman and tells him he has Uhthoff Phenomenon, indicating MS. He orders interferon treatment.

As Foreman, Cameron, and Chase leave, two immigration officers arrive to arrest Chase because his work permit has expired. Cameron quickly realizes what’s going on and tells Foreman to keep Chase out of trouble.

The bachelor party goes off, with House’s flaming drinks and strippers. Wilson comes home to discover that House is using his house for the party. Karamel the stripper comes over to talk Wilson and Thirteen are soon taking shots off of Karamel. House is drinking in the tub and Amber joins him. She points out that he works better alone. In the main room, Foreman and Taub get Chase to take a shot off of Karamel. He smells strawberries… and goes into anaphylactic shock. The others take him to the hospital, but House realizes that he knew Chase was allergic to strawberries. He also knew Karamel used strawberry body butter. He wonders if Amber was trying to kill Chase, which means he was trying to kill Chase. Amber points out he’s not a big fan of other people’s happiness. He’s interrupted when the hospital staff call to tell him that Seth is dying of lung failure, meaning that MS isn’t the cause.

As the team arrives at the hospital, House goes to his apartment to get some sleep. House believes that Amber is dangerous, but answers the phone. It’s Cuddy, who wants House to help treat Seth. Amber suggests eosinophilic pneumonitis but House dismisses it out loud, and then says he’s going to bed and hangs up. Foreman wonders if it makes sense, but Thirteen notes that House ruled it out because it would make the patient’s larynx hoarse, and they wouldn’t notice that in a deaf person.

Foreman and Thirteen go to Seth and remove the breathing tube. His larynx is clean, but Foreman notices tobacco stains on his teeth. Seth admits he used chewing tobacco to cut weight for wrestling. Foreman realizes that Taub was right: it’s sarcoidosis. The chewing tobacco’s toxins held the condition at bay until he stopped. They order treatment and Seth will recover.

House goes to see Cuddy to get sleeping pills. She notes that the police arrested Wilson when he started wandering the streets drunk. Cuddy gives House the pills but asks for an explanation. House admits he hasn’t gotten a full night’s sleep since Kutner killed himself, and then leaves.

Ellie tells Seth she’s going to have the doctors repair the implant. When Seth refuses, Ellie insists she’s his mother and it’s her call.

House wakes up after a good night’s sleep. He figures he’s over his insomnia, goes to the bathroom to wash up... and discovers that he’s still hallucinating Amber.
Under My Skin

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Anne Dudek (Amber), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Jamie Tisdale (Penelope), Alex Schemmer (Jeremy), Charles Gavoian (Maury), Pamela Shafer (Company Manager), Scott Dawson (Ballet Master), Joey Gaynor (Len), Shelli Boone (Molly), Courtney Clonch (Burn Unit Nurse)
Production Code: HOU-523
Summary: While House tries to cope with his insomnia, he takes on the case of a ballerina whose skin begins to fall off after treatment following the collapse of her lungs during a performance.

At a theater, a ballet company begins their rehearsal and the lead dancer, Jeremy, complains to the conductor that it’s too fast. They try again and he dances with the lead female, Penelope. As Jeremy lifts her, he collapses with back pain. However, Penelope finds herself unable to breathe as her lungs collapse.

House is at home listening to his hallucination of Amber play the ukulele. He refuses to listen to what she has to say, pointing out that she tried to kill Chase. Foreman arrives and House tries to plead a day off, but Foreman warns that Cuddy will fire House if he doesn’t come in. In differential, House suggests a pulmonary contusion, while Amber suggests dehydration hiding an infection. House goes with the dehydration and orders antibiotics.

Wilson is meeting with a patient when House barges in and tells him that he’s hallucinating. Wilson hastily takes him outside away from his patient. House wants Wilson to double-check everything he does in differential, but initially refuses to say who he’s hallucinating. Finally, House gives in but lies and says it’s Kutner.

Chase and Cameron are enjoying a meal at her place and she tells him she still has her dead husband’s sperm. She still wants to hold onto it, warning that anything could happen, and wants a specimen from Chase as well.

As House undergoes monitoring while he tries to sleep to eliminate possible causes of his hallucinations, Amber advises him to tell Wilson he’s scared, but House refuses. The next morning, they confirm it isn’t sleep apnea. Foreman reports the tests are negative and House suggests a water injection to test her lungs. Wilson and Foreman note it’s radical but House tells them to run the tests unless he has nothing else to attempt. House goes with the next item on his list of causes for his hallucinations.

Penelope undergoes the tests, but as Taub holds her down, he slips and some of her skin comes off. House figures that the antibiotic treatment caused the necrosis. As they conduct
more tests, Wilson comes to see House, who wonders where Wilson was when House proscribed antibiotics. House wonders if he might have MS, which is causing his guilt and shutting down his limbic system.

House goes to see Penelope, who is insistent on the fact she get to dance again. House apologizes but doesn’t feel any better, so he concludes its MS. Foreman notes that the artificial skin they’ve applied to her is too thin. As they take Penelope in for a biopsy, Chase brings up the sperm with Foreman. Foreman warns that Cameron married a dying guy and has issues, and Chase can’t leave her. Penelope starts to crash and they revive her. In differential, the team wonders why Wilson is there and Foreman concludes House doesn’t trust himself. House orders Wilson out. They need to take a MRI of the heart when it’s not moving. Meanwhile, Amber points out that either Vicodin or mental illness are causing House’s hallucinations. She then cuts herself, bleeding on the table. House suggests they temporarily stop Penelope’s heart to MRI it. However, it will take four minutes to MRI the heart and three minutes until brain damage goes in.

House tells Wilson what he’s doing and says that “she” is trying to kill the patient. Wilson picks up on the female pronoun, and House finally admits he’s seeing Amber. However, he admits that he can’t come up with any better ideas then what Amber is providing. Wilson tells him the LP test is negative but his Vicodin levels are too high. House argues for electro-shock treatment for the pain, but Wilson warns could it prove lethal, or worse damage his rational mind. House refuses to consider anything else and Wilson agrees to make some calls.

Chase explains the procedure to Penelope and they begin. Meanwhile, House calls Wilson and suggests they try insulin shock, which is marginally less damaging than electro-shock. House argues that he’s been popping Vicodin for years but the hallucinations are more recent, so Vicodin addiction can’t be the cause. House tells Wilson to get up there in the next two minutes because he plans to give himself an insulin overdose.

The time limit on brain damage to Penelope arrives and Chase begins to revive her, just as Foreman sees something on the scan.

House notes that Amber is scared because the insulin will eliminate the hallucinations, and then injects himself. She disappears and House smiles in satisfaction... before going into shock. Wilson arrives and calls the nurses.

Wilson is there when House wakes up, but House is satisfied it worked. Wilson points out insulin shock wasn’t the next rational step, but he has to admit House checks out. The team calls House back and argue about whether they saw something on Penelope’s heart. House goes to watch over Penelope, with Jeremy at her side, and he notes that nothing changes. He figures that Jeremy is too devoted and feels guilty, because he was cheating. He suspects Penelope has gonorrhea which disseminated to her heart, where it wouldn’t show up on the blood tests but would appear on the MRI. He has them test Jeremy to confirm the diagnosis.

House is celebrating alone at a bar when Foreman calls to confirm that Jeremy tested positive for gonorrhea. However, Jeremy insists he didn’t cheat on Penelope. House realizes he was lucky, not right, and looks over to see Amber singing and mocking him. Wilson picks him up and offers to take him to a rehab center. House agrees and they go back to his apartment to pack. Foreman calls and Wilson takes the call. Penelope is septic, but Wilson tells Foreman that House is off the case and hangs up. House wonders why he doesn’t feel scared even though his life is falling apart. Amber notes they’ve always found a way to cheat. House insists the rehab won’t work, but Wilson says he has no other choice. House says good night to Wilson and leaves.

The team tries to figure out a way to treat Penelope and Foreman suggests dopamine, but it could kill her. They finally agree to treat Penelope with the dopamine. Meanwhile, House goes to Cuddy’s office and tells her that he’s quitting his position. Cuddy doesn’t believe him and he insults her baby. As she storms off, House tells her he’s hallucinating. She comes back and offers to check him into rehab, but House warns he’ll figure out a way to get the Vicodin. He asks her to oversee his treatment because she’s on to him and know his tricks. Cuddy agrees and calls her babysitter to make arrangements.

As Chase operates to remove the abscess, Penelope’s blood pressure holds steady. However, necrosis appears in Penelope’s fingertips and toes.

At his apartment, House undergoes withdrawal under Cuddy’s supervision. She’s already cleaned out most of his secret stashes, but he offers to tell her the rest over Amber’s objections. Cuddy holds his hand as he goes through excruciating pain.
Chase explains to Penelope that they removed the abscess in her heart caused by the gonorrhea, but the dopamine shut off the blood to her extremities and they'll have to amputate. Penelope refuses and the team wonders what to do. Chase suggests they should accept her decision and Jeremy won't override her. Foreman begins to leave, insisting the case is over, but Chase notes that if they failed it won't just be because of House but because they failed.

As House vomits into the toilet, he notices a pill on the floor. Amber suggests he send Cuddy away and take the pill. He crawls toward it while Amber suggests that if he take it, he doesn't think he deserves anyone. Before he can get to it, Cuddy comes back in and flushes the pill down the toilet.

Taub comes up with an idea: using burn treatment to rejuvenate the skin. Much to Chase's astonishment, it works.

The next morning, House wakes up. He wonders what happens afterward and if he'll be able to work. Cuddy insists he'll be fine but House notes she's biased. He accuses her of lying and she says she hasn't lied to him in 20 Years. He asks her what she lied about 20 years ago, and she admits she wasn't signed up for the class they shared together. Cuddy admits she was interested in him then and she's there now for personal reasons. House notes that they're alone and Amber has disappeared.

Penelope wakes up and wonders where Jeremy is. Taub tells her that he left and wonders if she's okay.

Chase tells Cameron he can't give him her sperm, and he has no doubts about their future together. Cameron warns that she isn't sure and Chase says he'll wait until she is.

As Cuddy prepares to leave, House thanks her and then they kiss.
Both Sides Now

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Kal Penn (Dr. Lawrence Kutner), Anne Dudek (Amber), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Ashton Holmes (Scott), Maria Thayer (Annie), Jennifer Crystal Foley (Rachel Taub), Carl Reiner (Eugene Schwartz), Scott Conley (Warren), Sheila Daley (Paula), Richard Sabine (John), Jason Boegh (Leo), William Wolf (Minister), Adam Trahan (Pirate Stripper)
Production Code: HOU-524
Summary: House takes on a case of a patient with two different personalities as a result of having the left and right part of the brain operating independently. Meanwhile, he deals with the aftermath of his night of sex with Cuddy.

At a fancy restaurant, an obnoxious man, Warren, is discussing his food when someone hits him with a roll. At the next table, Scott is complaining to his wife Annie about how Warren is a blowhard. When Annie notes her food is too spicy, Scott tries it and says he can’t notice anything. Warren comes over to confront him about the roll and Scott apologizes, and then uses his left hand to spill water on Warren’s pants. Scott says it wasn’t him, and then collapses with a bleeding eye.

House wakes up in bed in his apartment and smiles. He looks around and no one’s there. However, when he goes to the bathroom he finds a tube of lipstick on the counter and lipstick on his cheek.

Cameron brings Scott’s case to Taub, who warns that it isn’t interesting enough for House. He asks her about the wedding but she says there’s a glitch with it. She insists House will be interested in Scott’s case and explains that he had his corpus callosum cut to relieve seizures, but wasn’t able to adjust to the split in his brain. She has Scott explain that when he goes shopping, he has extra items that he doesn’t remember putting there. He insists his left hand hates him.

House comes into differentially, singing cheerfully. He warns them he’s in a good mod and largely pain free. Taub describes Scott’s case as alien hand syndrome and House notes that the right side of the brain is the unimportant one, while the left one has the math and analysis abilities. Foreman and Taub disagree. Thirteen suggests a variety of symptoms while Cuddy comes in and says she needs to talk with House. He tells the team to search the house and eliminate possibilities. In House’s office, Cuddy tells him that she’s his boss and anyone who gets close to him gets hurt. She’s telling him that she’s going to focus on that, tells him to accept it or leave, and walks out. House considers her tube of lipstick in his hand.
House goes to see Wilson and tells him that he slept with Cuddy and is Vicodin-free. Wilson is pleased to hear it but tells House that she needs to talk to Cuddy.

Thirteen and Taub are searching Scott’s apartment and Thirteen admits she’s a little freaked out by Scott. She thinks everyone is two people, and wonders what it means about identity. Taub isn’t impressed, but notices fungus on the ceiling. He asks Thirteen about Chase and Cameron’s wedding and she notes it’s about sperm. Taub talks to Chase, who figures Cameron is planning for failure.

House waits for Cuddy in her office and takes thermal images of her, and then leaves. Annie brings Scott’s items from home and admits she’s trying to hard to get her other self to like her. His left hand grabs a can of deodorant and throws it across the room. Thirteen gives him anti-fungal medicines and Scott says goodbye to Annie... and then slaps her with his left hand. He tries to apologize but she leaves. When he goes after her, his legs give out.

In differential, House is considered Thirteen’s lipstick while the team notes that they’ve eliminated fungal infection. House suggests a meningioma that is reconnecting the two parts of the brain. Foreman concludes they can test for it. Meanwhile, House shows Wilson the thermal imaging photos and claims she became more heated in House’s presence. He tells Wilson not to get involved and wants to learn which time Cuddy was lying. Wilson tells him to be an adult for just once in his life if the relationship is important to her.

The team administers tests to determine if Scott’s brains have reconnected. He can’t say the word “candle” but can draw it, proving there’s no communication between the two parts of the brain. As House comes in, Scott stands up and complains that he’s cold. They ask him to stay and they realize that House’s diagnosis is wrong. House notices Scott scratching at his side and goes into the chamber, where he determines that Scott’s liver is failing.

Wilson is making a report to Cuddy but insists there’s nothing else to talk about. House comes in with a cup of coffee and asks permission for a liver biopsy to confirm sarcoidosis. Since it’s not a dangerous procedure, she figures he’s doing it to irritate her but warns it won’t work. She tells him to do his clinic hours but House refuses. She keeps her calm and suggests he try again. As House leaves, he switches his coffee cup for hers.

As Thirteen and Taub begin an ultrasound, Scott apologizes for sweating so much and his left hand slaps Thirteen away. Scott comes up with an idea and asks for music. Meanwhile, Wilson suggests to House that he’s using his relationship with Cuddy to distract himself from the pain. House says he found oxytocin in her coffee cup, indicating emotional involvement. House paid a guy to steal her water bottle so he could determine her baseline levels. Now House plans to get her to lose her temper so he can see what’s beneath her façade. Wilson admits that it’s great that House is committing himself to someone but wonders if he wants it to succeed. They’re interrupted when an old man, Eugene Schwartz, comes up from the clinic. He tells House that Cuddy sent him up. Wilson ducks out and Eugene explains that he squawks.

Scott plays air guitar to music to distract his left hand, but Thirteen notices splinter hemorrhages beneath his fingernails. He starts vomiting blood and his BP drops. House goes to the locker room to avoid clinic duties and meet with the team, and Taub suggests it’s a clotting issue. All their tests prove negative, but Thirteen suggests the sweat might be significant. House suggests pancreatic cancer and tells them to test.

Eugene interrupts Cuddy’s meeting with donors to give her a stool sample, on House’s advice. Scott prepares to check out after Annie tells him she’s leaving him. They warn him about the fatality rate of pancreatic cancer but Scott grabs a can of deodorant with his left hand and throws it again. It then starts removing his clothing and Taub points out his right brain knows he needs to stay.

House is considering Cuddy’s cup and realizes there’s something wrong with it. Cameron comes in to try to get ideas about how to handle Chase and House tells her to get rid of the sperm. Taub tells them what’s happened and House goes to Wilson to get him to counsel the two sides of Scott’s brain. They take him to the MRI room and test Scott while Wilson tries to get Scott to determine what his right brain wants. Wilson suggests Scott communicate with it by talking out loud to it. Scott is skeptical but House notes his right brain likes the idea because it hasn’t moved inside the MRI chamber.

There’s no sign of pancreatic cancer but House insists that in its early stages it could still generate clots. Eugene calls House about his squawking, and admits Cuddy gave him House’s phone number. He notes the cancer is too small to find, so they use scorpion venom and infrared
paint to open up his pancreas. The team warns that opening up his pancreas could create new clots which could destroy his brain, but it’s possible they might only destroy one side.

As Chase performs surgery on Scott, Cameron comes in. He goes out to talk to her and she tells him that she is prepared to destroy the sperm and get married. Scott’s BP drops and they find no signs of cancer.

On the lobby balcony, Wilson confronts House and wonders if he really wants Cuddy. He insists he’s for House getting together with Cuddy, but warns if he doesn’t treat it seriously then House or Cuddy will get hurt. House just watches as Cuddy kicks a pirate stripper out of her office. She calmly walks back to her office and as House looks down, he gets an idea. He goes to the OR and tells Chase and Foreman that the clots are coming from the heart. The clots were caused by intermittent arrhythmia and they weren’t watching when it happened. He tells them to do a transesophageal echo to confirm. Once they do, they close it off but have to determine what damaged the heart.

Back in differential, Thirteen suggest Cushing’s and House orders a suppression test. He then turns back to consider Cuddy’s coffee cup. Meanwhile, Annie comes back to see Scott and give his doctors an idea: his left hand angrily slapped her when she brought him a deodorant can, and then it threw the can. Taub and Thirteen check it while Annie goes to Scott’s side...and his left hand strokes her face.

House takes the coffee cup to Wilson and points out there’s no lipstick on it. Wilson wonders what House’s left brain is telling him and what House wants: answers, or Cuddy. Wilson tells House to make Cuddy angry, and he hasn’t even been trying hard yet.

Chase talks to Cameron and points out she doesn’t want to destroy the sperm. He notes she’ll never be ready but she doesn’t have any doubts. Cameron just doesn’t want to kill the last bit of the man she loved. He tells her not to do it, and Cameron admits that she never cancelled their wedding plans either.

House goes to the lobby and calls everyone to attention, then announces that he slept with Cuddy. Cuddy gets word of it and goes after House. She tells him he’s gone too far and fires him. Eugene, watching the whole confrontation, suggests Cuddy really does like him. House explains he has acid reflux that affected his larynx. House gives him a prescription but then notices that Eugene is moving his belt and complaining about soreness. House realizes he has pancreatic cancer, which causes acid reflux. Taub arrives to tell House that the deodorant is known to cause seizures and Scott may never have needed split-brain surgery.

House goes to see Cuddy and asks if she uses two different types of lipstick. He wonders if she overreacted to the other night and she admits she is. Cuddy notes that they’ve reached the final straw and they never could have a personal relationship. House realizes that she’s been overreacting to him insulting her daughter, and Cuddy says she walked out after he did it.

House remembers their conversation when he went to ask Cuddy for help kicking his Vicodin habit. He insulted her daughter and then she walked away. House reaches into his pocket for Cuddy’s lipstick...and finds a bottle of Vicodin. He drops it in shock and remembers what really happened: he went home alone and took Vicodin. Instead of making love to Cuddy, he simply went to bed alone. The next morning, there was no lipstick on his face and he thought the Vicodin bottle was Cuddy’s lipstick. The entire time he’s been taking Vicodin without realizing it.

As House comes to terms with what he remembers actually happened, a hallucination of Amber appears and notes that he made up a nice story about himself. Kutner appears and tells him it’s too bad it isn’t true. House tells Cuddy that he isn’t okay, and she takes him to Wilson’s office.

Everyone goes to Cameron and Chase’s wedding...except Wilson, who drives House to a psychiatric hospital and checks him in.
Season Six
Broken

Season 6
Episode Number: 111
Season Episode: 1

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Writer: David Shore, Russel Friend, Garrett Lerner, David Foster (II)
Director: Katie Jacobs
Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House)
Guest Stars: Franka Potente (Lydia), Lin-Manuel Miranda (Juan "Alvie" Alvarez), Megan Dodds (Dr. Beasley), Derek Richardson (Steve/Freedom Master), Curtis Armstrong (Richter), Andrew Leeds (Dr. Medina), Angela Bettis (Susan), Jack Plotnick (Hal Connor), Artemis Pebdani (Diane), Alex Désert (Jay-Bird), Kim Rhodes (Female Donor), Andre Braugher (Dr. Darryl Nolan), Dale E. Turner (Duane "Stomp" Milbratt), Ana Lenchantin (Annie "Silent Girl" Bohm), Albert Malafronte (Garney), Sloan Robinson (Nurse Safer), Henderson Wade (Orderly), Meghan K. Bradley (Nurse Valez), Harrison Forsyth (Ben), Rickey G. Williams (Ski Cap Guy), Audrey Kelley (Pretty Woman)
Production Code: HOU-601/602
Summary: House engages in a battle of wits and wills against the attending physician in charge of his detox program. When he starts to lose, House resorts to blackmail to gain the upper hand.

House wakes up in his room at the Mayfield Psychiatric Hospital, takes his pills, and goes through the agonies of withdrawal. Finally he packs up his clothing and prepares to check out, insisting the dry heaves are done and he’s fine. House insists that he’s there voluntarily but the nurse says he has to check with the doctor. He goes in to see the doctor, Darryl Nolan, who points out that House is legally free to go but suggest he stays. Nolan points out that he hasn’t had hallucinations from Vicodin until the recent deaths of two colleagues and a father. He suggests that House check into the long-term ward. House refuses but Nolan warns that House can’t get his license to practice medicine back unless he does what he says.

The intern takes House to Ward 6 and then meets with Dr. Beasley, who tells him that he’ll have to participate in individual and group therapy, and take his medicine. House is more interested in finding out how to make everyone miserable. Beasley is unimpressed. House goes to his room and meets his new roommate, Alvie, who insists that he’s fine and refuses to take his meds. He immediately tries to request a new room and Alvie tags along. The staff ignores House and deals with another patient, Hal, who demands medicine. The staff refuses to hand any over. Nolan and his staff wonder if House is actually going to act out but Nolan warns that any threat could be real and they should be concerned.

Beasley begins the first group session and introduces House and Alvie to the others. House notices one patient who tried to kill herself and makes wrist-slitting jokes, and Beasley has him taken to a private room.

Later, House goes out in the yard where the other patients are playing basketball. Beasley asks if he’s ready to play nice and insists that she’s trying to help him. House is skeptical and
Beasley says that he can get out if he’s honest and tries to deal with people. House considers what she’s said and agrees, and then gets up and plays basketball. He analyzes all of the opposing players and plays to their fears and insecurities until they leave, and then takes his shot. As he leaves, Beasley insists that it is yard time but House leaves anyway. As he goes upstairs, he finds a female visitor, Lydia, playing the piano for her catatonic sister-in-law, Annie. House is unable to get a reaction from the patient and notes that her head is only bobbing in time with her pulse. The orderlies arrive and take House away.

Later, Beasley comes to visit House and asks if he plans to stay locked away, or if he’s going to try another strategy. House goes to the rec room and apologizes to everyone, admitting he had misdirected anger. He rouses the patients up against the doctors by pointing out they’re not allowed ping pong paddles or a table net. Nolan comes in and admits House is right, and hands out ping pong paddles. When House objects, Nolan says he’s a natural leader and suggests he can either use his abilities to help the patients and himself, or to fight the doctors and see if they’re as stubborn as he is.

That night, House is in his room with Alvie and thinks about a new plan. The next day, they introduce a new patient in group therapy, Steve, who thinks he’s a superhero, Freedom Master. House goes to the window while Steve notices the comatose patient, Annie, and insists she needs someone to save her. Beasley calls a break and goes over to talk to House. She suggests he put his next plan on hold and see what happens, and let her do her job. House is busy watching Nolan driving away with a woman outside. House notes it’s too late: he’s already come up with a new scheme.

The patients are on the yard and House asks Alvie if he has third-floor privileges. Alvie confirms that he does and House asks him to break into Nolan’s office and use his desk calendar to find out the name of the woman he met with. While he waits in the rec room, House realizes the piano is unlocked and plays a few notes. He goes over to Annie while an intern comes over and locks the piano. The orderlies catch Alvie and bring him back, but he meets with House later and tells him that Nolan’s entire calendar was blacked out. House needs to call out but the only patient who has phone privileges is Hal. They go to the rec room and start a fake fight. Beasley has the interns pull House off and give him a pill to sedate him, and then take him back to his room. Once they’re gone, Alvie sneaks in and House reveals he didn’t swallow the pills. He then gets to the phone and calls Wilson, and asks him to run the license plate. Wilson tells him to do what he’s supposed to do but House insists Nolan has screwed up something to get in the lousy position he is, something he can use for blackmail. Wilson informs House that Nolan called to tell him to help House get better and ignore any requests he made, and then hangs up. House goes back to his room and admits to Alvie that he has no choice but to cooperate... or at least appear to cooperate.

House starts trying to do whatever is necessary to get points: cooperating with patients, taking his medicines, participating in group therapy. The patients play liar’s poker and House takes his pills... and then makes sure not to swallow.

Later, Lydia is back playing piano for Annie and House insists that she isn’t hearing anything. Lydia explains that Annie played cello for the Philadelphia Philharmonic and House suggests that Lydia play the cello for Annie, and Lydia agrees.

House meets with a new doctor, Dr. Medina, who notes that House and Alvie are friends again after the fight, and their stories about the fight don’t add up. Medina also points out that House isn’t suffering any side effects from the meds he should be taking. House seemingly tries to bluff and offers to take a urine drug test, and Medina calls him on it. They go to the restroom and House insists on going into a stall while Medina watches from outside. Once alone, House goes into the stall where Hal is waiting, sitting on the toilet with his feet up. Hal pees in the cup for him and House comes out and gives it to Medina.

House goes back to playing poker while Medina runs the test and then apologizes to House. He then calls Steve over and asks him to move the piano. House asks why he’s testing Steve’s delusion and Medina insists that he needs to deal with his delusion. House insists that Medina’s trying to break the man and Steve starts to panic. Medina finally tells him that his wife is dead but Steve insists that they put her voicebox in the storage closet and he can save her. When Steve tries to break into the room, Medina calls in the interns to take him away.

Later on the yard, Alvie warns House not to think too hard and step away from the hate. House wonders what the difference is between cooperating and pretending to cooperating, and
blames himself for standing by as Dr. Medina demolished Steve's psyche. They're called in for the closing ceremonies and Beasley congratulates Susan, the one patient that will be leaving. House realizes that Steve isn't there and notices Dr. Medina nearby. He asks the doctor what happened to Steve, who says that he isn't able to take part. House goes down the hallway to Steve's room and tells him that he has to be out there with everyone else. Steve doesn't say anything and House notices that he's catatonic, and blames Medina. Nolan arrives and asks House to talk with him in private.

In the office, House insists that Medina screwed Steve up, and notes that he's a higher level than Susan. He wants to address his issues as an out-patient but Nolan refuses. House reveals he hasn't been taking his medicines, which proves that he is sane and rational. Nolan offers him a pill and tells him to lick it, and House realizes that they've been giving him sugar placebos. He tells House to let him do his job and stop fighting the system. House goes back to his room and admits to Alvie that he's out of plans.

Later, House looks out the window and sees Lydia drive up with a cello in her trunk. When she comes in, House greets her and offers his help to bring it up. He suggests they ask Steve to bring it up, noting it would help him feel better about himself. As Steve moves the cello, House asks why she visits Annie five times a week and she wonders if he considers compassion a crime. When Steve is still depressed, House asks Lydia for her car keys so he can drive her around and let him feel like he's flying. As they drive, House wonders why Lydia is so nice to him and she says that he thinks he has a good heart. House explains that he's kidnapping Steve and stealing her car, and she asks to get out. He drops her off and leaves with Steve.

House takes Steve to a carnival and takes him "flying" on a jet lift. Steve finally cheers up and admits it's the coolest moment of his life. They go back to the car but Steve gets up on the parking garage edge and thanks House and then jumps off.

Later, Nolan tells House that Steve's lucky to be alive but he has severe injuries. He blames House for reinforcing Steve's delusions to hurt Nolan, and House doesn't care about the truth or Steve or anyone else. Nolan informs House that he's transferring him out but House asks him not to and admits he needs help.

House meets with Nolan for individual therapy and wonders what they need to do. Nolan tells him he can talk about whatever he wants. The only way they can figure out what in House's life is irrelevant is to talk about whatever he wants. House admits he is sick of being miserable and Nolan says they need to figure out how to get him to happy. He gives House SSRIs for his mental condition and Nolan wonders if he thinks he'll lose his edge if he takes drugs. House considers the medicine and Nolan says he has to trust him, and House finally takes the drugs.

House continues with his regiment of drugs and Alvie wonders if he's cheating. House insists that he swallowed his pills but Alvie doesn't believe him. He says that they finally broke House, but House admits that he's broken already and Alvie should worry about his own life. As House goes, Alvie says he hates him.

Nolan comes to see House and brings him his suit. He asks House about his relationship with other patients and House mostly analyzes their feelings toward each other, not himself. House insists he's had relationships but Nolan points that he's screwed them all up, and asks House to trust people. He has House dress and they go to a hospital charity party, and he tells him to open up. House starts chatting with a donor, insults him, and then admits he's taken advantage of his one friend. He then admits that he's gay and Nolan is his lover. The donor quickly leaves. Lydia is there and points out he isn't gay. He then sits down with a female donor and claims he's a philanderer. Lydia comes over and claims House is her husband, forcing her to apologize. The woman gives in and lies, admitting she tried to hit on House.

House sits outside and Nolan asks how he's doing. House admits that he screwed up but Nolan notes that the lesson was to teach him how to trust, and no one ratted him out for being a jerk. Lydia comes over and asks what's next. He suggests they just talk and wonders why she isn't mad he stole her car. Lydia's says it was a nice thing to do and says that while what he did was misguided and irresponsible, it was still nice. She then explains that she was Annie's best friend but Annie started pulling away. She married Annie's brother because he was the only other one who was going through the same thing that she was. He stopped visiting his sister, but Lydia couldn't stop because she misses Annie as she was. She gives House a kiss and then leaves for the night.

As House returns to his room, Alvie asked what happens. House admits that it was fun.
In therapy, House tells Nolan that they kissed and admits that kisses are good things. Nolan notes that Lydia is married and the situation is complicated. He also knows that House has spent the last 12 hours trying to think out what the kiss meant. House asks about the woman Nolan met and the psychiatrist accuses him of deflecting. Nolan refuses to be deflected and pursues the matter, and House admits he doesn’t know how his situation with Lydia will air.

Lydia comes to see Annie and House is there. He asks why she kissed him and Lydia says that she likes him and felt it was a nice way to show it. House starts playing the piano and the nurse brings Steve past in a wheelchair. In therapy again, Nolan asks why House values his failures more than his successes and wonders if he accepts if there’s nothing he can do. He tells him to acknowledge failure, move past it, and apologize. House doesn’t think it’s enough and Nolan figures that he thinks that he has to suffer for the suffering he inflicts. He tells House to apologize and feel better, and learn to let himself keep feeling better.

House goes to see Steve but can’t bring himself to say anything. Beasley starts a group session and tells them that they’ll be holding a talent show. She tries to encourage everyone to participate and tries to get Steve to respond. He doesn’t, and House asks why she thinks he’s going to respond. He insists that they have to make things better and then realizes that he can save Steve. He goes to the storage closet where there’s a music box, and realizes Steve was looking at it when he talked about his wife’s voice coming out of a box, and he thought he could cure Annie. House convinces Beasley to let him give Steve the music box and puts it in Steve’s hands. He tells Steve that he’s healing and he needs to speak but Steve remains catatonic. Nolan comes in and calls a break, and tells House that he’s trying to fix instead of moving on.

Later, Lydia comes in with piano music for House to play. He asks her what their relationship really is and Lydia insists it’s just two people having fun. House notes that either it ends or it doesn’t end, and either way they get hurt. Lydia insists that everything ends but they can enjoy the beginnings. House says he can’t do it and she says that now she’s unhappy and it’s not better. House walks away and leaves her sitting alone.

In group therapy, Diane worries about undergoing ECT treatment and House tells Diane to do the treatment. Alvie accuses him of being an ass and Beasley tries to get them to move on. She asks Alvie if he’s written down a song for the talent show but he insists that he has to do it spontaneously. Medina arrives with a note for House from Nolan. It’s a day pass. House goes to the hospital and finds Nolan at the bedside of his father. He wants House to look at his father’s chart and provide a consult. The doctors don’t think his father will recover and Nolan wants a second opinion. House confirms their diagnosis of a lacunar infarct, converted to a hemorrhagic stroke, and figures that Nolan knew that. He analyzes Nolan, figuring that he wanted someone there to give him confirmation that he’s making the right decision to shut down his father’s life support. House deduces that at some point Nolan made a mistake and lost everything, and House is the closest thing he has to a friend. Nolan tells him to shut up and stop playing games. House considers the matter and then takes off his coat and sits down with the psychiatrist.

Later, House returns to the hospital and finds Lydia sitting there, crying. He apologizes for pushing her away and admits he does that when he’s afraid. Lydia tells him that she’s crying because she’s pathetic. She brought Annie’s cello in case she wakes up for the show. He offers her a shoulder to cry on and they start to slow dance. They go back to his room and make love.

The patients put on their talent show and Beasley finally calls Alvie up. He starts his rap performance but freezes up. House helps him out and Alvie calls him up as the audience applauds. The two of them perform to the delight of their fellow patients and Lydia.

In single therapy, House asks Nolan how he’s doing. The psychiatrist thanks House for being there for him and asks what he wants to talk about. House says things are actually going good for him.

House goes to see Steve and tells him that he’s sorry. He explains that he was trying to prove a point and put him in a dangerous situation he wasn’t capable of handling. Nolan watches as House admits it was his fault. Steve doesn’t respond and House wheels him over to the med booth. As he goes he notices Annie, still catatonic. House puts Steve next to him and Steve hands her the music box. Annie takes it and opens it, listening to the music. She thanks Steve and he says she’s welcome.

Later, Lydia arrives and House greets her and tells her he has a surprise. Annie is playing the cello for the staff and patients.

At the next closing ceremony, Annie is the patient leaving. House goes to see Nolan and
questions whether Annie is ready to go back out into society. Nolan explains that her family is moving to Arizona and putting her into a rehab facility there, and that he just found out himself. House asks for an overnight pass and Nolan says he’ll do it if House insists, but he knows what he’s thinking and he knows he hasn’t thought it through. He asks House to stay and talk but House insists on getting the pass.

House takes a taxi to Lydia’s house and rings the doorbell. Her son Ben answers the door and wonders who he is. Lydia comes and sends him to bed, and he asks what she’s doing. She explains that her husband’s business is in Phoenix and they can move now that Annie is doing better. House doesn’t want her to go and she doesn’t want to go either, but she can’t leave her family. She apologizes for not saying goodbye and then goes back inside.

Nolan goes out to his car and finds House sitting nearby. He explains that Lydia left and he’s lost. Nolan sits down with him and agrees to give him his license back. House isn’t impressed but Nolan explains that House connected with someone else strongly enough to miss them, and he talked to Nolan instead of hiding behind Vicodin. Nolan tells him to come inside and get some sleep, and he can say his goodbyes tomorrow. The next day, they perform their closing ceremony and congratulate House on his departure. House hugs Alvie and then smashes his face into the cake.

As House walks to the bus stop, Alvie watches from the window and then goes the med window and tells Beasley that he wants to get better. Outside, House gets on the bus and heads back to his job.
Epic Fail

Season 6
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Season Episode: 2

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Writer: Sara Hess, Liz Friedman
Director: Greg Yaitanes
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase)
Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Rick D. Wasserman (Vince), Freda Foh Shen (Cecile), Andre Braugher (Dr. Darryl Nolan), Barry Pearl (Dr. Paulson), Wai Mui (Lee), Brett Gilbert (Roy), Mike Kirkland (Dr. Felker), Corie Vickers (Instructor)
Production Code: HOU-603
Summary: House returns to Princeton Plainsboro, announcing he will make big changes in his life. Meanwhile, House’s team can’t diagnose a new patient who’s obsessed with posting each and every one of his symptoms over the Internet.

Vince and his employees Roy and Lee are playing on a virtual reality role-playing battle game and go on an attack raid. They lose Vince in the game and remove their VR helmets and check in the office. Vince’s is sitting on the couch and says that his hands are on fire.

At the ER, Thirteen runs NCV and blood tests and can’t find any sign of a neurological problem. Vince demands to see House.

House is tendering his resignation to Cuddy and Foreman. He notes that he’s discussed the matter with Dr. Nolan and believes he needs to change his habits and environment, so he’s taking a job in research. Cuddy wonders if he’s thought it through but House insists he can’t take the risk. Once he leaves, Cuddy admits that the news is surprising. Foreman immediately puts himself up for head of the department. Cuddy notes that the only reason they have a diagnostic department is because they have House. Foreman insists he deserves a chance and Cuddy gives in, warning him he gets one shot.

Foreman gives the news to Thirteen and Taub and they unpack the conference room and go with a diagnosis of CRPS. Vince disagrees, checks on the Internet, and suggests mercury poisoning brought on by the sushi he eats constantly. When Thirteen notes it would be impossible to eat that much fish, Vince disagrees and points out that the symptoms don’t completely match CRPS. He asks them to run one blood test to check for mercury.

Foreman moves into House’s office when Cameron comes in to offer her congratulations. She wonders how teammates are taking it and warns that it’s different working for people than commanding them. She asks about House and Foreman admits that he’s surprised House acted so responsibly. When she asks where Thirteen is, Foreman says they should be doing a spinal stimulation but Cameron reports that they’re not. He goes to find them doing the mercury test and points out that he didn’t agree to it. The test proves negative and Foreman goes to tell Vince the results.
House meets with Dr. Nolan and admits that the pain has flared up and ibuprofen isn’t helping. Nolan suggests he get a hobby and see what Wilson likes to do.

Foreman meets with Vince, who asks for mercury chelation. Foreman warns that his symptoms aren’t enough to warrant it but Vince refuses to give in. Foreman says they’re done and he’ll move on to his next patient. Vince changes his mind and they proceed with the spinal tap. As Thirteen performs the procedure, Vince notes that Foreman strong-armed him. He admits that Foreman reminds him of himself. Vince starts to have pain and can’t breathe, while his heart rate climbs. They determine his lungs are filling with fluid.

Back in differential, analysis of the fluid reveals a pulmonary edema caused by the stress. Foreman wonders if Vince is using cocaine to meet his deadline and goes to ask Vince if he’s taking drugs.

House goes to a cooking class with Wilson and trying not to be a jerk. When Wilson burns his meatballs, House suggests using vinegar and brown sugar to slow the cooking on the outside and it actually works.

Foreman explains to Vince that the procedure didn’t go as planned. Foreman wonders how long he and Thirteen having been sex. It turns out that Vince has hacked Foreman’s profile page and found a photo of the two of them together. They ask if he’s been using cocaine and Vince says he cleaned up his act twelve years ago after his college roommate OD’d. Outside, Foreman tells Thirteen to search Vince’s office. Thirteen tells him to forget using House’s tactics, or trying to do the opposite. Foreman still insists they should search the office and talk to Vince’s co-workers. Foreman tells her to meet her for dinner promptly at 7, even after she says she’ll be running late.

Cuddy goes to see House, who has Cecile, a member of his cooking class, over to practice. She notes he seems good and he wonders if she’s there to grovel. House insists his decision is final and assures her she’s not the reason why he’s leaving. Cuddy admits she’s going to miss him and Cecile tells her to kiss him or leave.

Thirteen and Taub try out Vince’s video game and Taub notes that she’s been in a crappy mood since they left the hospital. She wonders how Taub is comfortable with a co-worker now being his boss and he admits he didn’t expect anything different. He tells her to go home that night and break Foreman. They get into a shooting fight and Taub is overwhelmed by bird-like creatures. Thirteen realizes what Vince’s problem is. Back at the hospital, they determine that Vince dissected birds to capture their body structure for his video game. They figure he has psittacosis that they can treat with antibiotics. However, Vince admits that he has had a three-hour erection that is becoming increasingly painful. They realize that it isn’t psittacosis.

Back in differential, they report to Foreman that they used a shunt to remove the blood. Foreman notes that Thirteen skipped dinner and the shunt doesn’t require two persons, but she claims she’s dedicated. Thirteen believes Vince has a brain tumor. Taub notes the tension between them as they argue diagnosis but goes with Foreman’s diagnosis of thrombocytosis. As they leave, Thirteen complains that Foreman was ordering her and it’s tough for both of them. When Foreman says he’s under pressure, she tells him not to complain to his employees. They note two doctors in Vince’s room and go to see them. Vince says he posted his symptoms on the Internet and is calling in doctors. Foreman orders them both out but one of them, Paulson, suggests that Vince might have a brain tumor and they should do an MRI, and Foreman disagrees. Vince asks Thirteen, who says to test both theories. He figures that she doesn’t believe Foreman’s diagnosis or she would agree with him, and demands an MRI. Foreman angrily agrees to set one up.

House is cooking when Wilson gets up for breakfast. He wonders if House is becoming a bit obsessive. House admits that he’s still an addict, and then notes that he did it to distract himself from the pain in his leg.

Thirteen goes to see Foreman as he runs the MRI. He accuses her of stabbing him in the back but she says that she doesn’t like hedging her bet. When Foreman insists that she go with the team opinion in public, she points out it was his opinion. She wonders if he wants her to lie and Foreman points out that she would have done it for House. Foreman wonders if she’s doing it for revenge and points out the MRI is clean. He tells her to treat for thrombocytosis.

Thirteen goes to see House, who figures she’d come over to complain about Foreman. He notes that Cameron didn’t come by and figures Thirteen there with her own complaints. She admits it’s a problem and wonders how she can get Foreman to tone it down. He tells her not to be a coward and that Foreman has a legitimate fear of failure. House suggests that she give in so that
she can be happy, and Thirteen wonders what’s happened to him. She tries his food and admits it’s great, but House admits his leg still hurts.

Foreman goes to see Chase, who suggests that he fire Thirteen. He notes that her job is to challenge Foreman and he can’t blame Thirteen doing what she’s supposed to. Foreman tries to duck the problem and Chase warns it’s not a good idea.

Wilson comes home to find House eating ice cream at 8 a.m. in the morning. He admits he was starting to obsess about it and decided to take a day off. House claims his leg is fine. However, he soon meets with Dr. Nolan to admit his leg is killing him after he got worried, and he got worried because nothing helps. Nolan says he let him out because House has the skills to cope, and tries him to tell something else. House worries that nothing can work long-term and Nolan says that he hast to be patient.

Foreman brings Thirteen a doughnut and apologizes. She apologizes back and they try to start over. As they start to make love, the beeper goes off and they’re called into the hospital. Vince’s lymph nodes have blown up and the thrombocytosis treatment didn’t work. Vince is putting out a $25,000 reward to anybody who can cure him.

House comes home and finds a bottle of Vicodin that he hid away.

Back in differential, the team is overwhelmed with e-mails, phone calls, and faxes. Foreman suggests they treat the disease and take all of the suggested diagnoses to Vince. They go through them one at a time and warn that they could take forever going through all of them. Vince wants treatment for amyloidosis because it got the most votes among his respondents. Foreman says that they’ll run the test and when it comes back negative, he retracts the reward. Vince agrees and Foreman orders the test.

Wilson returns home for lunch and House notes that he usually has lunch with Cuddy on Tuesdays. House figures that he’s checking up on him and insists that he’s good. As he walks out, Wilson notices that he isn’t using his cane.

Taub reports that the test results show deposits consistent with amyloidosis. He’s already ordered treatment and Taub tells Foreman that he’s quitting; he’s had an offer from a friend to work at his surgical practice. He admits that he started looking for a job when he learned that House wasn’t coming back, and it’s nothing personally. Taub admits he thinks Foreman is doing well, but he came there to work with House.

In bed, Thirteen insists that Taub is a jerk, but Foreman worries that Cuddy will shut them down before they can hire anyone else. He wonders if he’s not ready for the job. Thirteen tells him a story about her roommate in college, Lindsay.

Wilson goes to see Cuddy and tells her that he blocked the intake valve on his toilet so he could test House’s urine. It’s clean of Vicodin but contains epithelial cells from a Labrador Retriever. They realize that he’s using.

Thirteen goes to check on Vince and discovers that he’s gone. He’s run into the lobby where he’s hallucinating a scene from his video game. He imagines a swarm of birds attacking him. Foreman spots him and Vince perceives him as an alien. Vince grabs a coffee cup from a nurse and throws it at Foreman and then runs for the elevator, only to come face to face with an alien Thirteen. They try to restrain him and he has a hallucination of a giant bird creature bursting in through the lobby window. As he collapses, they realize that he’s hallucinating due to a high fever, which means he doesn’t have amyloidosis.

They put Vince into a cold tub but Foreman refuses to go back to the Internet. He suggests light-chain disposition disorder and asks if Thirteen is okay with that. She agrees and Foreman describes it. He warns that they can’t confirm the diagnosis and the only treatment is high-dose chemotherapy. It could kill him, but Vince agrees immediately. Foreman realizes that he’s scared and tells him that his career is riding on the case, but Vince’s life is more important.

Wilson and Cuddy confront House, who tells them he got a dog to pee in the toilet. They want to know why his leg is feeling better and he offers them an immediate urine sample. Cuddy is not amused.

Foreman is taking a shower in the locker room when he notices pruning on his fingers. He orders Thirteen to stop the chemo and concludes that Vince has Fabry’s Disease. His fingers didn’t prune when he was in the cold tub for an hour. Thirteen had already reached the same conclusion and stopped the chemo on her own. They explain to Vince that the deposits in his kidney were fats. Fabry’s makes them build up, choking his nerves and keeping his fingers from
pruning. Thirteen admits privately that she realized the lymph swelling was caused by a reaction to the contrast. She eliminated it after reading about it online when someone posted it.

Later, Thirteen comes in to see Foreman and congratulate him on Cuddy officially making him head of the department. She apologizes for going behind his back and Foreman admits that he's mad but it's stupid that he is. He figures she went behind his back because she didn't want to fight. Thirteen figure it'll take time to adjust, and Foreman wonders if they won't like each other by the time they do adjust. He decides that it's not going to work and she realizes he's firing her.

House goes to see Nolan and admits that he slipped. Instead of taking pills, he went online and read about Vince's offer, and posted his diagnosis. His leg stopped hurting. Nolan admits that maybe he was wrong about telling House to stop practicing diagnostic medicine. He suggests that he can practice diagnostic medicine to eliminate his pain, but he can't sit in a room alone. House worries that he could revert back to his old ways but Nolan thinks it may be the best thing for him.
An African ruler, President Dibala, drives to visit his son at university against the advice of his aide, Joseph Nïla. Men in a black van cut them off and Joseph draws his gun. One man gets out and says he’s serving them with a civil subpoena and then drives away. Joseph assures Dibala they can ignore it but Dibala simply stares at it for a moment and then collapses, vomiting blood.

At Princeton, Cuddy asks Cameron and Chase to work on Foreman’s diagnostic team now that he’s fired Thirteen and Taub has taken a new job. Chase admits it would be interesting but Cameron points out that the patient is President Dibala, a ruthless tyrant suppressing an ethnic rebellion in his country. Chase admits that’s what it’s interesting and Cuddy notes that Dibala is a guest of the U.S. and scheduled to speak at the UN. She asks them to sign on and Cameron reluctantly agrees.

As they go to see the patient, Foreman admits he knows it looks bad and it might force him to break up with Thirteen, but there was no other choice. They arrive in the conference room to find House already there. He admits he won’t have his license for a month and admits that Foreman is in charge. Dibala suspects an assassination attempt but Foreman says that there are no traces and recommends coartem treatment for malaria brought on for a bug bite. House interrupts and notes that Foreman is rushing through the diagnosis because he’s rushing out of the room because he’s mad at House. He tells House to say what he has to and House suggests that it may be a poisoning attempt using dioxin. Foreman reluctantly orders olestra treatment for dioxin and House says they should go to see Cuddy.

Cameron and Chase administer the treatment and Dibala notices from his accent that Chase spent part of his childhood in England. Dibala notes that they had priests in the village where he grew up, but they weren’t able to help his sister when she died of consumption.

Foreman complains to Cuddy that he fired Thirteen because he thought House was gone for good. House admits that he needs diagnostic medicine in his life and offers to explain to Thirteen.
Cuddy agrees to let him sit in unofficially. Foreman goes to see Thirteen and explains that he won’t be in charge for long and offers her her old job back. She tells him that she doesn’t want the job because she figures that he wanted to break up with her and used his new position as an excuse. She refuses to talk to him about it or go out to dinner with him.

Chase meets with a follow-up patient, Ruwe. He reveals that Dibala killed his wife by ordering his Youth Labor League to kill her and dump her in their yard. Chase tells him to talk to the UN but the man insists that Dibala is preparing a final war to eliminate Ruwe’s people, the Sitibi, and the UN will do nothing. Ruwe insists that Dibala can’t recover but Chase says there’s nothing he can do.

House goes home and discovers that Wilson is eating chicken without garlic. House wonders if he’s losing his sense of smell and notices that Wilson wasn’t wearing shoes two nights in a row. He realizes something is up and pounds on the floor. Someone pounds back and Wilson admits that his neighbor has been complaining since House moved in. Wilson warns that the man, Murphy, is a decorated war hero who lost his arm and a complete jerk. However, he’s on the condo board and Wilson wants to get his garden renovated. Cameron calls and interrupts, telling House that Dibala is having a heart attack.

House returns to the hospital and diagnoses Lassa fever. Ribavirin can be used to treat it. However, Foreman reports that Lassa fever isn’t found in Dibala’s country. The rash has disappeared, ruling out dioxin poisoning. Dibala hasn’t been anywhere that he would get Lassa fever. However, House suggests that Dibala met with Liberian trade union members, and there was an outbreak of Lassa fever in Liberia. Foreman gives in and orders ribavirin.

As Foreman administers the treatment, Joseph objects but Dibala overrides him. Dibala asks if Foreman has a girlfriend and notes that Thirteen is standing in the hallway. She tells Foreman that she’s been called in to interview at Harvard. However, she never sent her resume. Foreman admits he called in a favor and Thirteen agrees to have dinner with him.

House comes back to Wilson’s apartment and finds Murphy in the hallway. Murphy realizes that the cane is causing the banging noise and he can’t sleep. House tries a conciliatory approach but Murphy ignores it and orders him to keep it down.

Dibala pages Cameron and tells her that he’s brought in a woman, Ama, who recovered from Lassa fever two years ago. His own counselors have informed him that blood will serve as a cure. Despite the fact they have Ama’s signed consent, Cameron refuses and takes it to Cuddy, who makes sure that Ama explains the situation. Ama says that she is Sitibi and Cameron realizes that she’s being coerced, but Cuddy orders Cameron to go ahead because they have no choice.

In the hallway, Chase notices a black orderly going toward Dibala’s room and realizes it’s Ruwe. Chase yells an alarm and runs in to find Joseph brutally beating Ruwe. The U.S. agent, Bass, pulls Joseph off of the assassin while Chase confirms that Dibala wasn’t hurt. He wasn’t shot, but Dibala’s right eye is bleeding internally. Chase tends to Ruwe’s injuries, and Ruwe explains that the woman he described earlier wasn’t his wife, but Dibala will now do the same thing to all the Sitibi. At home, Cameron is worried that Chase was at risk. She tells him not to yell a warning next time.

The next day in differential, the team determines that the bloody eye was caused by an enlarged lymph node, giving them another symptom. House refuses to speak, but starts miming suggestions to Chase. He suggests an infection and Foreman disagrees, insisting it’s lymphoma. He finally gives House the okay to speak and House disagrees, noting Dibala’s LDH is low. Foreman believes his liver function is making the LDH and orders a test for lymphoma. As House leaves, he suggests that Foreman close the blinds. Puzzled, Foreman does so and discovers that House wrote his prediction of lymphoma long before they had the meeting.

Wilson complains to House that Murphy ended up thinking House was a jerk. House insists that he was polite and didn’t start anything, and suggest that Wilson blackmail Murphy with the knowledge he didn’t serve in Vietnam. House explains that he saw Murphy holding private medical insurance, not VA, and he’s too young to be a vet. He checked further online and there’s no reference to him in the Vietnam records. House figures Murphy is faking it to get respect but Wilson isn’t interested and tells him to write a letter of apology. When House insists Murphy is a jerk, Wilson says that it’s easy to be nice to nice people. House needs to work on being nice to jerks.

As Chase tests for lymphoma, he asks if Dibala is preparing to commit genocide against the
Sitibi. Dibala insists that he’s trying to prevent genocide and admits his son hasn’t spoken to him in years because of what the American papers say about him. When Chase asks about the Youth Labor League, Dibala admits there have been abuses and he insists they won’t happen again.

House goes to drop the letter off at Murphy’s door just as the housekeeper leaves to dump the trash. House thinks about going inside for a moment and then puts the letter on the doormat. As he turns to go, he slips on water from housekeeper’s bucket, ruining the letter. He tries to mop up and ends up inside the room when he puts the letter on the desk. However, as House leaves he notices a Canadian flag on the wall.

Chase checks with Cameron and asks how she’s doing. She assures him she wasn’t joking about letting Ruwe kill Dibala. They argue the merits of murder vs. war and Cameron refuses to feel any sorrow for Dibala if he dies. She then confirms that Dibala doesn’t have lymphoma.

House is waiting for Murphy when he comes home and points out that he’s sure that Murphy is faking. Murphy explains that Canada sent troops to reinforce the ’73 accords and he lost his arm trying to save a boy. Even now he suffers phantom pains. House is taken aback and quickly leaves.

Cameron and Chase tell Dibala that he doesn’t have lymphoma and realize he can’t grasp what he’s saying.

Foreman and Thirteen meet for dinner and she notes that Foreman could have stepped aside and let Cameron or Chase take over. Thirteen insists she wants to understand him and asks what he would do if he could do it again. Foreman insists that he made the right decision and Thirteen gets up and walks away.

Joseph asks Cameron for her confidential medical opinion and asks if she believes Dibala is thinking quickly. She admits that he’s already in decline and neurons won’t grow back. Cameron notes that Joseph can’t trust anything that Dibala says. Chase reports that Dibala’s fever is rising.

House diagnoses sclerodoma based on skin tightness on Dibala’s admission photos. Foreman disagrees, insisting it’s blastomycosis infection. Chase agrees with Foreman and Foreman warns that if they treat wrong, it’ll be too late to do anything else. Cameron tentatively backs House but admits she doesn’t care if Dibala lives. House tells her to take a stand and Cameron backs Foreman. When House threatens to go to Cuddy, Foreman tells him that it’s his department and they’ll treat him for blastomycosis.

As Cameron prepares to give Dibala the injection, he grabs her hand and says that he knows what she said to Joseph, and set it up for Joseph to take command. He accuses her of trying to inject an air bubble and tells her it’s not so easy to kill when she has to do it herself. Cameron injects the antidote into his IV and nothing happens. Chase tells Dibala not to touch her again, but Dibala insists that he showed her a valuable lesson. He insists that Cameron is too weak to act on her own beliefs, like so many other people around him. Dibala accuses them all of being appeasers and Chase asks what he’s going to do about the Sitibi. The dictator says that he deals with death and danger and Chase demands to know what he plans to do. Dibala insists he’ll do whatever it takes to protect his country.

Wilson tells House that he convinced Murphy not to press charges in return for kicking House out. He tells House just to stay out of it and believes that he’s changed enough to realize that.

Cameron orders a test for sclerodoma and admits that now that she had to make the choice, she wants to keep Dibala alive. The test proves positive but Foreman warns that it only points to sclerodoma but it’s not conclusive. Foreman stands by his decision. Cameron asks if Foreman has told Foreman that he was wrong, and warns him that he retrenches due to insecurity when he’s wrong on important decisions. If he’s wrong on this, the patient dies. Foreman okays their treatment of steroids for sclerodoma.

House breaks into Murphy’s home and drugs him. He ties him up and gags him, apologizes, and admits he’s having a setback. He then takes Murphy’s stump and places it in a box. He then puts his hand in the box and shows him that he’s set up a mirror aside. It appears that Murphy has both arms. House tells him to clench his real and phantom hand and then let them both go. Murphy realizes that the pain is gone for the first time in 36 years and sobs in relief.

Dibala starts bleeding out into his lungs and Cameron and Chase try to stabilize him. They discover a dozen ruptures in his heart and try to revive him, but Dibala flatlines and they’re unable to bring him back.
House comes to see Foreman, who isn’t sure if he killed him Dibala by sticking to his opinion or abandoning him. House tells him he’ll have to discover but Foreman points out that Dibala’s body is under lock and key and the government will be taking it back the next day.

Foreman goes to see Chase and tells him he couldn’t get into the morgue. However, he has the sign-in sheet for the morgue and it shows Chase signed in just before Dibala died. Foreman notes that one body had sclerodoma and accuses Chase of messing up Dibala’s test. Chase says that Cameron had nothing to do with it and he couldn’t stand by and heal Dibala just so he would go back and kill the Sitibi. He warns that if Foreman reveals what happened, Dibala will become a martyr. Chase tells Foreman to at least warn him if he tells the police so he can tell Cameron first. When Foreman wonders if Chase thinks he can get away without consequences, Chase admits he doesn’t think that at all.

House returns to Wilson’s apartment and Wilson notes that Murphy called and sounded happy. Murphy is approving the garden expansion and isn’t going to press charges even if House stays. Wilson wonders what House did and House says that he was nice. He asks if Wilson wants to know anything further and Wilson agrees to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Dibala’s son goes to the morgue to get his father and weeps over his body.
Chase goes to bed, looks at the sleeping Cameron for a moment, and tries to go to sleep.
Foreman burns the morgue sign-in sheet.
A wealthy businessman, Roy Randall, is sitting in his garden at home contemplating his dog. He's called to a meeting at home where he ignores his advisors and tells them to get ahead of pipeline oil sales. He then calls the meeting to a close early and goes upstairs. The doctor tells him that his son Jack isn't responding to treatment and they need to get him to a hospital. Jack says he doesn't want to go but Roy says it's necessary and assures him he won't die.

Roy goes to Princeton and tells Cuddy that he wants House. Cuddy says House isn't available and offers Foreman, but Roy won't take no for an answer. Cuddy goes to House and the team and informs Foreman that House will be handling the case despite the fact he still isn't licensed. She also tells Foreman and Chase to prepare the morbidity report on President Dibala. They're reluctant to do so but she overrides them. House orders a new series of tests from scratch.

Cameron begins the initial tests and Roy wonders where House is. She notices an odd lump in his abdomen.

Foreman and Chase discuss the lab test and the fact that Chase stole blood from a corpse. Chase points out that Foreman burned the only report and there's no way that anyone can prove they did anything wrong. Foreman warns that the medical board will scrutinize the case because House's team screwed up. House overhears them and wonders what they're discussing. Cameron reports that Jack is constipated and House and Foreman realize that he has a disease which is restricting his colon function.

House meets with Thirteen, who is making travel plans to go to Thailand. He wonders if she's calling off her relationship with Foreman so easily, and she informs him that she isn't coming back. House notes that Foreman would just try to get her back and mess up the team, and then walks away.

The team administers the treatment and the x-rays show improvement. However, Cameron tests his abdomen again and notes that it's getting larger. Jack has a seizure and Foreman
orders treatment while Roy demands to know where House is. Foreman warns that the pressure in Jack's skull is growing and they have to drill, and needs Roy's consent. As they take Jack to the operating theater, Foreman tells Roy they need to do it now and Roy gives his consent. The intracranial pressure drops just in time and Foreman admits to Chase that he has no idea what happened.

The team goes into differential and Foreman realizes the dural layer in the brain was already separated before the build up. House orders a check for brain cancer and congratulates Foreman on spotting it.

As Thirteen takes a taxi to the airport for her trip to Bangkok, she calls to make sure someone watches her dog. The driver takes offense, thinking she's suggesting he's a thief. Thirteen discovers that her reservation has been cancelled.

Cameron and Chase tell Roy about the suspected brain cancer and try to assure him that they spotted it earlier and can still treat. Chase gets a page from Foreman and tells Cameron that he can handle it on her own.

Thirteen goes to see House and accuses him of canceling the reservation to get her back. House insists that he doesn't want her back because Foreman is doing better now that he's not with Thirteen. When he claims not to remember where she was going, he points out it was stupid of her to tell him the truth.

Foreman warns Chase that Cameron ordered a full test and the cholesterol levels of the dead woman didn't match Dibala's by 20%.

Cameron wakes up in the morning to discover that Chase never came home.

Chase doesn't believe that the morbidity board won't worry about the cholesterol levels. Foreman refuses to lie again. Cameron comes in and gives them the biopsy result on Jack: it's not cancer. Back in differential, House suggests it's cancer but somewhere other than the brain. He notes that Chase isn't paying much attention. Foreman tells Chase and Cameron to warn more tests. House wonders why Foreman sabotaged Thirteen's travel plans. Foreman denies doing it and says he's ready to move on, and House admits that he believes him.

Cameron wants to know what's wrong and why Chase is denying it. He finally explains that Foreman is worried about the tests that lead to Dibala's death. Chase tells her not to tell Foreman, who is concerned about how it threatens his leadership of the team. They then give the news to Roy, who blames himself. He explains that he inherited a successful pipeline business and Jack is sick because of karmic payback. Jack has another seizure and they confirm it isn't due to intracranial pressure.

Back in differential, Chase suggests it may be an infection that's resistant to treatment. Cameron suggests abdominal epilepsy and it's the best they have. Afterward, Chase tells Foreman to tell them he ordered drug treatment to account for the cholesterol levels. Foreman points out that will just cause more problems and he plans to tell them the truth. However, he then goes to Cuddy and says he isn't going to testify because he's busy with Jack's case. Cuddy refuses to let him get out of the testimony.

Cuddy goes to House and asks who hacked into Thirteen's e-mail account and cancelled her reservation. House denies it again and Cuddy seems to accept his answer. She wonders if House really wants Foreman in charge, and House admits that he doesn't want the power because it leads to his psych problems. He insists that Foreman wasn't the one who cancelled Thirteen's ticket. Cameron then pages House to show him spots that have broken out on Jack's chest. Back in differential, Foreman tells Cameron to run the tests and she wonders why Foreman is working so closely with Chase. When Foreman says he wants to overprep for the presentation, Cameron tells him to just be honest. House realizes that it's DeGos Disease, which struck much later. House goes to see Ray and explains that it's untreatable. Roy insists that he's wrong but House warns that Jack only has a day at the most.

Chase goes to see Cuddy and tells her that Foreman can't present the case. He starts to explain that he faked the test but Cuddy is called away. She tells Chase to come clean if he screwed something up and says it can't be that bad.

Cuddy is called to Roy's room, where his lawyers try to stop Roy from making a major business deal that will cost him billions. House explains that Roy wants to get rid of his money to balance out his karma and cure Jack. The lawyers warn that if the hospital doesn't stop Roy from going through with the deal, they'll sue the hospital. Roy refuses but House notes that people get what
they get and there’s nothing anyone can do about it. Roy goes through with the deal and Jack flatlines.

Thirteen comes to see Wilson and thanks him for breaking the law. She reveals that Cuddy traced all the people who logged into her account and discovered that Wilson is the one who cancelled the reservation. He finally admits he did it and tells her not to throw away her job because of a bad breakup. She says goodbye and leaves. Wilson goes to see House and admits he confessed, but House is sure that he lies. Wilson thinks House did it and wonders why. He suggests that House wants Thirteen around but won’t admit it. As House comments that he was born with a heart three sizes too small, he gets an idea. He tells Foreman that Jack has obstructed blood vessels and orders heparin to see if he responds. As Foreman goes to prepare the treatment, House points out that Thirteen went to everyone except Foreman to see who screwed her up, but Foreman thinks that proves she is over him.

Chase checks on Foreman’s report and notes there is a new file on top that gives them a way to account for the high cholesterol levels. When Foreman says he didn’t put the new file there, they realize who did.

House wakes up and reads an article about Roy bankrupting himself. He goes to see Jack and Roy. Roy’s son is recovering and Roy insists that what he did worked.

House goes to his office to find Chase waiting for him. Chase asks how he found it and House figures that Dibala was taking something for his cholesterol. When Chase asks what he plans to do, House says he’s more comfortable with murder than misdiagnosis and doesn’t plan to do anything. Chase notes that no matter what, House is still in charge.

Foreman gives his presentation to the morbidity board while Cuddy and Chase watch.

Cameron wakes up, alone, and wonders.

Thirteen gets on the plane to Thailand.

Roy and Jack are together, happy despite the fact Roy has no money.

House sits in his office and considers what Chase said.
Brave Heart
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Summary: A dying patient insists that he has the same disease affecting his heart that killed his father and grandfather at the age of 40. Meanwhile, House discovers that he has a hearing problem while trying to duck student rounds.

Two police officers are chasing a crook through a junkyard and up into the nearby buildings. One of the cops, Donny Compson, runs past is partner when he trips and finds the crook on another rooftop. Donny takes a running jump and falls short, plummeting into the alleyway below.

Donny is emitted into the ER with a broken leg and minor injuries, and Cameron says he’ll have to stay there for a few days. His partner suggests that Donny took the jump because he doesn’t care, because he thinks he’s going to die soon. Donny explains that his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather all died at the age of 40 from heart conditions. He’s been to cardiologists but they haven’t found anything wrong. Cameron says she can refer him to a doctor who can.

Wilson discovers House lying on his couch and finally says he’s going to convert the study into a bedroom. House notes it took him six weeks to notice, and figures Wilson doesn’t want him to sleep where Wilson and Amber slept.

At the hospital, Cameron brings the case to the team but House dismisses it as coincidence. Cameron says they need to take it because Donny goes through his entire life thinking he’s going to die soon. Chase and Foreman back her up and Foreman points out that House is still not the team leader until he gets his license. As they leave, Chase sees the ICU and remembers how Dibala died there. He goes back for what he claims is his watch to avoid Donny.

Cuddy comes in to see House and tells him he needs to complete 120 hours of rounds to recertify. House points out that she doesn’t have to force him to do it for her to recertify, but Cuddy refuses.

The team goes over Donny’s records. When they prove negative, they get the skeletons of Donny’s ancestors. As Foreman and Chase examine the remains, Foreman points out that Chase lied so he could avoid the ICU where Dibala died. Chase explains that he had a panic attack and admits he’s crossed a line. Foreman tells him to tell Cameron but Chase refuses. Cameron comes in and they start working.
A woman, Cheryl, comes to see House and explains that she used to date Donny. He doesn’t want to see her any more, but the woman explains that she had a son with Donny. House tells her to call Foreman and leaves. At home, House tries to sleep in Wilson and Amber’s old bedroom but starts to hear voices. He checks on Wilson and looks around but can’t find a source for the sounds.

The next day, the team admits they can’t find any genetic indicators. Chase finds a note from House saying he’ll be back in 120 hours. Foreman thinks they should get a bone marrow sample from the boy. However, the boy Michael says he doesn’t want to. Cameron tells Cheryl she should tell Michael and says it may be Michael’s only chance to meet his father before he dies.

House is with a team of interns reviewing a patient. He stages an emergency and watches as the interns rush to try and treat the patient. The head doctor, Singh, asks him to stop and House agrees. However, House then knocks the patient’s urine tube loose and asks Singh what he’s learned.

Cheryl tells Donny that he has a son. Donny tells her he didn’t want a son and refuses to talk to him, but Cheryl brings Michael in. The boy suggests they might do something when he gets better but Donny refuses. He explains that his father died when Donny was Michael’s age, and he’s just sparing his son the pain.

The team meets for differential and House complains that Cameron is misleading Donny. House notices that Chase is distracted and invites him to walk with him. Chase claims he had nothing to add but House says he’s distracted by his recent actions with Dibala. House suggests Chase talk to someone and then goes to see Donny. He lies and tells Donny he has Ortoli’s Syndrome, much to Chase’s surprise. Chase backs him up House proscribes a drug treatment, and immediately gives Donny the pills. Donny thanks them and takes the pills.

Back at Wilson’s apartment, House tries to get to sleep but hears something. Foreman arrives and pounds on the door, and explains that Donny died four hours after they discharged him. Foreman comes in and explains what happened. House worries that he missed something and wonders what’s wrong with him. Foreman had Donny’s body taken back to the Princeton morgue for a post mortem.

A fully-dressed Chase wakes up Cameron and tells her he’s going to tell Cheryl about Donny’s death in person. Cameron wonders why he’s still acting strange but he insists that he’s fine and promises he’ll tell her if something is wrong. As he goes, Cameron tells him that she loves him.

Foreman begins Donny’s autopsy as House watches impatiently. House finally grabs a bone saw and prepares to get to the heart, but Foreman warns he can’t do an autopsy without a medical license. House reluctantly turns the saw over and as they cut the chest open, they realize he’s bleeding. Donny suddenly screams and wakes up.

Donny passes out again and the team tries to figure out what’s going on. House is relieved that they didn’t do anything wrong. He suggests that it’s something other than the heart. As they discuss the case, House starts to hear voices again. He prescribes antibiotics for auto-immune and quickly leaves off.

Cameron checks on Donny, who complains that his jaw aches. He realizes that he doesn’t have Ortoli’s Syndrome. Donny figures that it doesn’t matter and he’s still doomed to die at age 40.

House undergoes a hearing test but the doctor can’t find anything wrong. She suggests that he might have a psychosis. House goes to see Cuddy and tells her that he’s not ready to be a doctor yet. He leaves without further explanation.

That night, Wilson comes home to find House sleeping on the couch again. He lies and claims the heater in the bedroom is screwed up, and refuses to talk with Wilson about it.

Donny’s jaw continues to hurt. Once the nurse leaves, he grabs a clamp and pulls out the tooth that’s hurting him. Once they’re notified, the team test and determine there’s nothing wrong with the tooth. Cameron suggests brain cancer but Chase figure sit doesn’t connect to the heart. Foreman tells them that House told Cuddy he wasn’t ready to go back to work. Cameron suggests tumors that would cause bone cancer but Chase still disagrees, even though he doesn’t have anything better. Foreman orders scans for the tumors.

House wakes up in the middle of the night and goes into the old bedroom. He hears more whispering and finds a heating vent in the floor that’s the source of the noise. House traces it to Wilson’s room, and quietly watches as Wilson talks to Amber.
Cameron and Foreman scan Donny, and she asks Foreman what he knows about Chase lying. Foreman tells her to talk to Chase.

Wilson comes out the next morning to find House sitting up. He says he hears whispering and says he’s losing it. House tells Wilson he plans to check himself back into Mayfield and Wilson just says okay and offers to drive him over. House figures that he knows and Wilson admits that he talks to his dead girlfriend. He defends what he does, insisting that talking to Amber makes him feel better.

House rejoins Cuddy and Singh on their rounds and says he’s ready to recertify again. She argues with him outside and the interns figure they’re in love. House then joins Foreman and Cameron, and notes that Chase isn’t there. They have nothing, but as House leaves he realizes that Donny has a heredity condition, sensory autonomic neuropathy, type one, that confuses pain signals in the brain. Cameron starts to administer the treatment but House says Chase should do it. He goes to find Chase, who is sleeping in the office, and figures that he’s feeling guilty to convince himself he’s still human. He tells Chase to get in the ICU and administer the treatment. As they do so, Chase asks if Donny ever killed anyone. Donny admits he doesn’t but the cops he knows who have, have problems and getting help didn’t benefit them. As Chase leaves, Donny complains of pain and uncontrollable urination.

The team goes back to differential and Foreman suggests Donny’s liver may be gone. House orders penicillin but warns they may only have one more chance if the treatment fails.

Chase goes to confession and admits he killed a man. He says it was the right thing to do but the priest says it’s not Chase’s decision to make. Chase wonders if the priest is concerned it sets a bad precedent if the priest forgives him for killing the worst people on earth. The priest warns that Hail Marys won’t help and that Chase must take responsibility before getting absolution. Chase insists there’s nothing just about going to jail for what he did.

House waits in his office and considers the case. Cuddy finally arrives and tells him that she’s recertified him because it wouldn’t accomplish anything to make him do student rounds. She asks if he’s okay and says they’re fine as it is, pressing each other’s buttons. House gets an idea and goes to Donny’s room. He explains that Donny inherited an aneurysm that presses on nerves that press on nerves controlling pains. As the patient gets older, the aneurysm grows and blocks the nerves to the heart, shutting it off. House plans to cut into Donny’s brain, and Michael’s as well once they confirm the aneurysm in Donny’s brain. As he goes, House asks if he plans to call Michael and Donny admits he will later. House realizes that Donny is just using his family’s medical history as an excuse to avoid commitment in his life and do whatever he wants.

Donny and Michael both undergo the brain surgery. Once they’ve recovered, Michael suggests they go and see a movie together.

Chase comes home just as Cameron starts to call the police because he’s gone missing. She realizes that he’s drunk and Chase admits he had to get wasted before he got better. He insists he’s fine but she backs away from him.

House goes back to Wilson and Amber’s old room and puts in earplugs. He starts talking to himself, and then yells to Wilson that it’s not working. Wilson tells Amber that House must be getting better.
Known Unknowns

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Michael Weston (Lucas Douglas), Anna Lucia Attanasio (Jordan), Marcus Giamatti (Keener), Bianca Collins (Phoebe), Eric Lutes (Derek Retzinger), Holly Gagnier (Michelle Berkley), Annie Young (II) (Madison), Lindsay Johnston (Kaitlin), Ana Lucasey (Avery), Rachel Marie (Brianna), James R. Bowers (Drummer God), Andre Johnson (Bouncer), Tom Astor (Pharma Guy), Michael Nye (Joseph Schultz), William Christopher Stephens (Man), Sharon Swainson (Registration Woman), Corey M. Curties (Security Guard)
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Summary: House, Cuddy, and Wilson go to a medical conference and meet an old friend, while the team deal with a girl whose appendages have swollen but she refuses to tell them the truth about the events leading up to her illness.

A girl, Jordan, is going into a club with her friends. She grabs a cup of coffee and barges to the front of the line with her friend Phoebe and claims they're the deejay's assistants and have her coffee. Jordan screws up by claiming the female deejay is a he, but the band comes by and invites Jordan and Phoebe to come with him. The next morning, Jordan meets with her friends at a diner and talks about going up to the hotel room with the band members, playing Drummer God, climbing a fence, and going skinny-dipping with the guitarist, Colt. They notice that Jordan's hands and feet have swollen, and then she collapses.

Wilson is packing for a pharmacology and public policy conference, and reminds him that he told House to come with him. House isn't interested, and says that Jordan's case is more important. He uses it as an excuse to get out of the conference and meets with the team, and insists that it's rhabdo. Cameron notes that Jordan's parents are architects working on a project in Shanghai. House notes that Chase and Cameron are sitting as far apart as possible, and then stands by his diagnosis despite the fact that Cameron disagrees. Chase goes to test for everything.

As Chase and Foreman run the tests on Jordan, Chase wonders if he should tell Cameron about the fact he killed Dibala. He claims he doesn't want to dump a burden on her. The tests prove clean.

House goes to see Cuddy and compliment her breasts, and then asks her to sign a medical discharge. He notices that Cuddy's out-box is three times normal size and figures that she's going
to the medical conference with Wilson. House tells her that he's going after all and notes that she's signing the discharge on his case. House then goes to see Wilson, who is with a patient, and tells him that he's going to the conference. Wilson realizes that House is only going because Cuddy is going, tells him they're leaving in two hours, and returns to his dying patient, Joseph.

Chase comes to see House as he packs and says he should say to see how the situation between Chase and Cameron plays out, since House set it off. House refuses and Chase tells him the tests for rhabdo are negative. House goes to see Jordan and has her use his cane and a pen to play drumsticks along with music like she did the previous night on Drummer God. When she does so, her arms go out due to temporary mental paralysis. House points out that Jordan had low potassium levels that causes the paralysis, and she couldn't have played Drummer God the previous night or climbed the fence, so she was lying. He tells Chase to get an accurate history and leaves.

Chase and Cameron demand the truth so they can determine the cause of her low potassium, and Jordan and Phoebe finally explain that they are comic book fans and their friends don't get it. She learned at the party that the comic book's creator, Jeffrey Keener, was at the band's party. They discretely followed him up to the party and then down to the restaurant. They never got within 10' of him, and followed him around, living his life and eating the same meal. Their story checks out and Chase and Cameron get the same food. Foreman wonders if Jordan is bulimic and eating all the food set off her condition.

As House prepares to leave with Wilson, House reads the program book and notices Wilson is giving a paper. He observes that the last time Wilson gave a paper, he asked House for feedback. House notes that there's an 80s party and Wilson says that Cuddy is going. He suggests that House ask her out. House insists he's going to approach Cuddy slowly and carefully. Cuddy arrives with her daughter Rachel and Wilson wonders what could possibly go wrong.

As Foreman and Cameron run tests, Cameron notes that Chase went to the gym five times and she secretly followed him. Foreman tells her to talk to Chase, but she wants to know if Chase is having an affair. When Foreman says he isn't, she wonders why she should believe him. Foreman says she shouldn't, she should believe Chase. Jordan's parents arrive and she flatlines as blood constructs her heart.

Once they revive her by draining off the blood, they call House at the conference. They rule out chronic conditions and House tells them to track everything Jordan was doing for the last 24 hours. He hangs up and steals another doctor's badge to get in. At the hospital, Phoebe says they didn't do anything unusual. However, Jordan says that she visited Bruce Springsteen and wonders why Phoebe doesn't believe her.

Cameron meets with the author, Keener, who remembers the two girls, knew they were following him, and then flirts with Cameron.

Foreman realizes that a bleed in Jordan's brain is leaking into her thalamus, causing her to lie. Phoebe only remembers that Jordan left the room briefly to get ice, but admits she isn't sure.

House arrives at the party, dressed for the 1780s. When another doctor tries to flirt with Cuddy, House cuts him out and invites Cuddy to dance. The music switches to a slow dance and Cuddy talks about how they first met in a bookstore when he casually dismissed her. She admits she tracked House down to a party later, and she notes that one thing didn't lead to another. House tells her that he was going to call her and figure out where things would go from there, but he got expelled. Cuddy hastily backs off and leaves.

The next morning, Wilson gets a call that his patient died. He admits that he should have been there and observes he didn't hear House come in. House describes what happened and Wilson suggests that Cuddy didn't know how to react. House is more interested in the fact that Wilson is preparing a paper in favor of euthanasia, and expected Joseph to die. Wilson says he doesn't want House's advice and walks away.

Cameron, Foreman, and Chase review the security recordings at the hotel and realize that Jordan found Keener's journal and used it as an excuse to go back to talk to the author.

House goes to talk to Wilson on the pier and Wilson insists that he should say what all doctors feel, and he should support euthanasia. House warns that he won't be hirable if he does but Wilson says that he learned to do what was right and ignore the consequences from House. As he leaves, House notes that honesty hasn't worked out well for him.

Cameron and Chase go to see Keener and confront him with the knowledge of what they know. When he refuses to let them in to search the room, Cameron says that he's risking a girl's life.
As they leave, Chase wonders if Cameron is suggesting Kenner is having an affair and takes it personally. Cameron thinks Keener gave Jordan rufies, and an overdose would account for her symptoms.

Wilson goes to see Cuddy, who is feeding Rachel and admits her babysitter had an emergency. He asks how the dance went. Cuddy says that now that she’s a mother, she needs someone she can count on in her life, and House has never been that.

Foreman discovers that Jordan is bleeding behind the kidneys, which means rufies aren’t responsible. Cameron believes it’s a toxic reaction brought on by something Kenner did, and suggests that they drug Jordan with amobarbital to stop the bleeding into the thalamus and let her tell the truth. The process is risky. Chase points out that she thinks that Keener is lying about his involvement with Jordan because she thinks Chase is lying about not having an affair. He suggests they call House but Foreman figures that House will tell them to go with the amobarbital.

Wilson goes to see House, who is drinking grape soda from the room bar. He suggests that Cuddy wants someone responsible and House doesn’t believe he can convince her. Wilson suggests he babysit Cuddy’s daughter and notes that House has already started scheming. He tells him not to...and then passes out as he realizes that House drugged him.

They give Jordan the amobarbital and monitor her condition. Jordan says that Keener invited her in and gave her something he claimed was ecstasy. She then says that he raped her when she started to pass out. Jordan apologizes to her parents for letting them down, but Foreman notes that according to the monitors, everything she’s been saying is a lie.

House goes to see Cuddy and offers his services as a babysitter, but she claims Rachel is in daycare. However, as House leaves, he hears Rachel giggling and comes back in to discover that private investigator Lucas Douglas is playing with Rachel. House notes that it’s awkward and leaves.

The next morning, Wilson finally wakes up when Foreman calls to update House on Jordan’s case. House isn’t there and Foreman warns that Jordan is bleeding out faster than they can transfuse. They’re treating her for rickettsia because Keener travels with a dog. Wilson realizes he was supposed to give his paper five minutes ago.

At the conference, House gives Wilson’s speech as everyone stares in surprise. He describes what Wilson wrote about telling the truth concerning euthanasia, and how he covertly instructed his patient to use the morphine pump. Wilson comes running in as House reads of how Wilson promised he’d be there with the man, but left the patient alone to go to the conference so he could cover his ass. House then speaks of how he doesn’t turn away from his responsibility and that his friends take advantage of it. Speaking for Wilson, House insists that he’s never turned away from a patient, and the dying patient knew it. As House goes, many of the attendees object but one doctor thanks him...under House’s assumed name.

Outside, Wilson gives House Foreman’s message and then wants to know what he’s up to. House insists that the paper is out there like Wilson wanted and Wilson is safe, and notes that Wilson should be thanking him if he wanted to get his story out there. He admits that if Wilson was trying to get fired out of guilt, then he screwed up. Wilson insists it wasn’t House’s decision but House figures he’s feeling guilty...and gets an idea.

House calls and tells the team it’s the blood that’s killing her. She has vibrio vulnificus from eating oysters and Chase notes he had the same oysters. Jordan has hemochromatosis, which reacted with the vibrio from the oysters. The vibrio caused the joints to swell, they thought she had bulimia as a result, gave her iron supplements, and iron caused bleeding of the liver. They gave her more blood which aggravated the iron levels, causing more bleeding. They stop the blood transfusions and give her the proper drug and she recovers.

House, Wilson, Lucas, and Cuddy meet for lunch and Cuddy explains she hired Lucas to investigate embezzlement in the accounting department. House asks why she kept the relationship secret and Lucas admits that Cuddy was worried about House. He starts talking about everything Cuddy has told him about House, and then realizes he needs to shut up.

Jordan’s infection clears up and her parents plan to stay with her and take a few weeks off. However, they’re called away to the phone almost immediately to deal with business. Jordan admits to Cameron that she’s used to it, and finally tells Cameron she never got the courage to knock on Keener’s door. She just left the journal there and walked away, and Cameron sighs in relief.
House watches as Cuddy and Lucas play with Rachel. He admits to Wilson that Lucas looks like a responsible guy. Wilson admits he needed to hear from someone else that what he did was okay; he needed to hear it from a friend. He tells House that he's a good friend and that Cuddy should know it too. As they go, House notes that he hasn't been to a conference in 15 years and the doctor whose name badge he took, and everyone thinks House is, is in Toronto with an airtight alibi.

That night, Cameron apologizes to Chase and says that she believes he's not having an affair. When he hesitates to respond, she briefly thinks he is, and then says she'll love him no matter what and wants to help him get past whatever is bothering him. Chase finally tells her that he killed Dibala.
House is finally reinstated and takes on the case of a porn star with eye pain. Meanwhile, Chase and Cameron try to resolve their relationship issues after Chase’s admission, and House tries to bring back Taub and Thirteen.

Porn star Hank Hardwick is rubbing his eye as the director comes in and complains about how porn movies are losing money thanks to the Internet. Hank complains about a mild headache but insists that they need to go to work and touch people’s lives. They begin filming but Hank clutches at his eyes in sudden pain and says they feel like they’re exploding.

Cameron and Chase are preparing to go to work and Cameron insists they can get over what he did, but says that they need to get away from Princeton so he isn’t constantly reminded of what he did.

House and Foreman are considering what cases to take, and House would rather take Hank’s case. Foreman reminds him that he’s in charge just as Cuddy comes in and gives House his recertification. Cameron and Chase arrive and Foreman tells them they’re treating a porn star. The couple tells them that they’re leaving the team and moving away. They insist that they’re doing the right thing. House orders his team to start running tests, and then makes sure to remind Foreman that he’ll be doing it all.

Hank insists that he’s checked clean for STDs. His wife Lexa works in the industry as well but he insists that neither one of them has problems with the other being porn stars. Hank assures Foreman that his medical record is clear and he’s simply a nice Jewish boy who choose porn because he believes in it. He also insists that they have a happy marriage, and refuses to let their work life rule their home life. He suddenly complains about pain in his arms as the muscles contract from tetany.

House goes to see Taub and asks if he wants to sign back up: he has three slots and four candidates. Taub prefers the life that he has but House continues to present Hank’s symptoms and notes they’ve ruled out viral encephalitis. He then notes that Taub’s wife is the only obstacle to him coming back, and points out that she’s never been much of an obstacle to Taub. Taub and suggests it might be a tumor in the brain linked to Hank’s sensitivity . . . and gets House out.
House goes to see Thirteen, who notes she has an interview with a community health center and insists she’s not going to divide her attention by helping House.

House checks back with Foreman, and notes that no one has a problem with the work. All of their problems are personal. Foreman suggests cerebral vasculitis and House agrees and orders steroids to treat and biopsies to confirm. He talks to Wilson in the cafeteria and Wilson wonders why he’s going after the four people who don’t want to work with him when there are so many others who do. When House notes they don’t have normal lives, Wilson points out that House is hardly normal and is dooming himself by pursuing Cuddy, despite the fact she’s dating Lucas. House insists he’s fine.

Foreman approaches Chase and asks him to help do the brain angio. They suggest that Foreman should leave as well since House is treating him so unreasonably. Foreman reminds Chase that he owes him and he reluctantly gives in. They go to see Hank and Cameron agrees they should run the tests, but suggests Hank might have a severe Vitamin D deficiency. Chase agrees to take Hank to the phototherapy suite and give him Vitamin D treatments. As they do the tests, Cameron and Chase ask how Hank and his wife Lexa manage to handle their relationship given they’re porn stars. They insist that they have taken sex out of the relationship as long as they have emotional closeness. Chase isn’t convinced. Hank starts bleeding from his nose and inside his leg as he suffers petechial hemorrhages.

Cameron and Chase come to see House, who is watching Hank on the Internet. They conclude the UV treatment caused Hank’s capillaries to become more fragile, causing them to crack. Cameron believes it’s a blood infection, meningococcemia, and House agrees, ordering treatment. As they go, House deduces that Chase told Cameron what happened. She insists that she’s forgiven her husband but House doesn’t believe her and wonders why she’s staying with him. Cameron figures that House is keeping them on because he figured Foreman would ask them to stay on, and he plans to ruin their marriage. He admits that eventually her relationship with Chase will blow up and then the only obstacle to her leaving will be gone.

As Chase treats Hank, he explains that meningococcemia is spread person-to-person. Hank figures that Chase is having issues and is more like him than he’ll admit. Chase insists that he’s happy but Hank wonders if he wants to toss out the rulebook and do what he wants. They discuss conscience and Hank says he’s committed, and conscience only kicks in when you don’t act the way people believe you should. Hank gets a fever and Chase realizes the antibiotics aren’t working.

House goes to see Taub again and tries to get his opinion on the case. Taub insists that he’s content but House points out that he cheated on his wife and got involved in stock scams. Taub figures House is addicted to his team and is using it to avoid other problems. Taub defends the work he does as saving lives, and realizes that Hank’s sinus are infected. If they drain the sinuses, the antibiotics will work. House figures it felt good to Taub and leaves, promising he’ll back tomorrow.

Foreman goes to see Thirteen, who insists she doesn’t want to work for House. He argues that she’s a great doctor and Thirteen wonders if he still has feelings for her. When Foreman insists it isn’t an issue, Thirteen wants to know if he does have feelings, and complains that he couldn’t keep his personal and professional life separate. Foreman admits that he was the one with the problem, but he doesn’t have it any more. He gets up and walks away.

Chase drains Hank’s sinuses while House watches and then tries to apologize. He admits that he thought Chase was an idiot for confessing, but it seems to be working out. House understandably has doubts and promises that since Chase can’t explain it, House is going to continue looking.

Wilson goes to see Cuddy and warns her that House is stalking his fellows. He asks what she sees in Lucas and then blames her for not telling him so he could avoid coaching House on how to get her back. Cuddy insists that it’s her life and she isn’t going to change it for House or anyone else. At home, Cuddy talks to Lucas and admits that she feels like crap. She figures that House is going to make it about him no matter what, but Lucas points out that she must have figured they weren’t going to date that long. Cuddy admits that he’s right and apologizes, but he figures she is comfortable enough with him that she can freak out while playing it cool for Wilson.

As Chase and Cameron prepare to readminister the antibiotics, Chase asks Cameron why she chose to forgive him. Cameron notes that Chase feels shame and guilt, and that’s how she’s sure
they'll get through it. Hank complains of stomach pains and they determine his liver is failing.

Back in differential, the team tries to figure out what they've overlooked. Foreman notes that as a child, Hank's parents sent him to doctors every time he had the least injury. House finally agrees to authorize an ERCP for blocked bile channels and find a liver donor. As they go, House asks Chase what Cameron said, and then wonders if Chase had doubts. As Chase goes, House figures that Cameron is actually blaming House because he created the climate that allowed it to happen. Chase wonders why House is trying to screw things up, and House suggests that Cameron figures that Chase is his sock puppet, and the only way he can prove otherwise is to stay on the team.

House goes to a fitness center to see Thirteen and try to get her involved in the diagnosis. He notes that she's doing a workout to cope with the symptoms of Huntington's and figures she wants to do something more with her life. Thirteen insists the community health center is what she plans to do, but House figures she wants more, and if she comes back then she'll have the chance to screw with Foreman. She figures House won't ask because he can't handle the rejection, and tells him he shouldn't ask for his sake as well as hers.

Cameron briefs Hank and Lexa on his liver damage and warns that the transplant committee won't approve him for the transplant if he works in the porn industries. Hank takes offense and refuses to let someone else dictate how he lives his life, but Lexa warns that the way he's living now will kill him.

As they run a camera through Hank's liver, Foreman warns Chase not to listen to House. Chase insists that House doesn't make his decisions. They discover that Hank's liver is filled with worms. They tell Hank that he has threadworms, which caused all of his symptoms. They give him mebendazole pills for treatment while warning that he may have caught them through sexual intercourse.

Chase goes to the doctor's lounge and finds Lucas there reading his charts. Lucas admits he's worried about Cuddy and explains that if House doesn't have his team, it'll make Cuddy miserable. Lucas points out that Chase kept very precise notes until four week ago. Chase claims he got backlogged but Lucas wonders what happened and why he's leaving. Lucas suggests that he stay and face the problem so it can't bite him in the ass. As Chase goes, Lucas asks if he has any dirt on the rest of the team.

Hank starts vomiting as his lungs are compromised and the liver continues to fail. Back in differential, Foreman suggests lymphoma and House orders chemo. He tells them to fax Taub and Thirteen with an update on the case. Cameron takes offense and tells him to stop playing games. As they go out, Chase asks her why he's mad at House and wonders why she blames him. Chase insists that he's the one who killed Dibala, not House, and that he'd do it again. Cameron doesn't believe it, but Chase insists he's not running away from what he did so she can pretend it didn't happen. Cameron considers and then says she's fine with how he's feeling.

House tells Wilson that his strategy to get his team back isn't working. Wilson ignores him at first and then finally asks why he needs three of those doctors. He figures that since House feels abandoned by Cuddy, he's reaching out to his team for comfort. Wilson figures that he's better off not playing along so House can find something beyond a surface solution.

Foreman talks to Chase and tells him that things will be better once they get away. Hank starts urinating blood and then arrests, and they try to revive him as his body gives out. Back in differential, they note that his blood is completely lacking in blood cells. They try to find anything that might account for the symptoms and Foreman suggests aleukemic leukemia. House has them ablate the bone marrow. Chase and Cameron warn against it but House notes they don't have anything better and then faxes his diagnosis to Taub and Thirteen.

Taub throws away the fax immediately.

Thirteen gets the fax and ignores it.

As House leaves at 11 a.m., Cuddy wonders why he's going. She agrees with the others that he's going to kill the patient and wonders if it's about her and Lucas. She demands alternatives, but House has nothing. He goes home and finds Chase waiting for him outside. Chase tells him he wants to be on the team, and House wonders if it will save his marriage. Chase admits he doesn't know, and House warns that it's going to be a tough choice since there's only three openings and four candidates.

Thirteen gets a call from the health clinic telling her she got the job. She sees the diagnostic report from House.
Taub is discussing a woman’s plastic surgery and is clearly distracted. He grabs the fax and starts reading it.

House watches as they begin the ablation, figuring something will go wrong. Thirteen and Taub both call and inform him that Hank has extraintestinal Crohn’s that he got from growing up in such a healthy environment. The worms were keeping the Crohn’s in check. Once they killed the worms, the Crohn’s started killing him.

Later, Taub comes to see House in his office and says he wants to be on the team. He explains he reorganized his life to be with her more, but not enough. House figures the job gave Taub the thrill that he used to get from philandering. He tells Taub he’ll let him know. As Taub turns to go, Thirteen comes in.

Chase tells Cameron about his decision to stay on the team. He says she should stay on the team and wonders if House was right about why she wanted out.

Cameron goes to see House, who figures she’s there to ask him to keep her on. She admits she was in love with him, and that she was an idiot for trying to understand him so she could heal him. She figures he knew the correct diagnosis all along and held out so he could bring his team back together. Cameron figures he is the one who killed Dibala, by passing on his lack of morals to the rest of his team. House insists that all that matters is that the patient was cured. She says that he doesn’t care and there’s no way back for him or Chase. Cameron says she loved them both and is sorry for both of them for what they’ve become. She offers her hand and House refuses to shake it, so she steps forward and kisses him on the cheek and then leaves. As she walks away, House starts to go after her but then stops and watches her go.

House goes to see Wilson and tells him that he succeeded. He’s happy that he’s got his sanity and his license back, and now he has his team as well. Wilson is surprised and admits that House was right. However, House tells him that Cameron is breaking up with Chase and leaving the hospital.

Thirteen reinfects Hank with the worms to bolster his autoimmune system. Foreman watches and then walks away.

Taub tells his wife Rachel the news. She doesn’t take it well.

Cameron embraces Chase and then leaves him.

Lucas and Cuddy leave the hospital together as House watches from above.
At a bookstore, a courier stops in with a delivery and gets a drink of water. He notices a book of science books written by James Sidas. The owner comes over and notes that the customer's company has been laid off. He then notes that the customer looks like James Sidas and realizes he actually is James Sidas. He wonders what James has been doing but James insists that he's not that guy any more and wants to just get going. He reluctantly agrees to sign the man’s book but then realizes that his hand isn't working. James realizes that he's ill and looks around wildly.

House is busy trying to charge food at the cafeteria to Wilson's account when Cuddy brings him a case about a 15-year-old with migraines and blurred vision. He asks what she's doing for Thanksgiving and she says that she's going to her sister. House dismisses it as a casual question and takes the case to the newly reassembled team and wonders where Wilson is. They go over his symptoms of ataxia, atemia, and a mild cough. When Thirteen agrees with Foreman that it's TTP, everyone wonders and House insists they're one big happy family and goes with TTP. He tells them to test and confirm.

Thirteen and Taub administer treatment and James’ wife Dara worries about him. Taub wonders why he essentially dropped out and insists they need all the information possible to diagnose him, including any possibility of mental illness. James insists he works as a courier because whatever he did before wasn’t good enough, and his wife didn’t care how smart he was or what it meant. He insists he'd rather be happy than smart.

Foreman finds Chase sleeping on the couch in the doctor's lounge and wonders if he’s doing okay. Chase tells him that Cameron has left and he doesn’t want to talk about it, and rebuffs Foreman’s attempts to help.

Taub talks to Thirteen as they run the tests and he notes that James wasn’t acting like a genius. Thirteen brings up why Taub came back and he admits his wife wasn’t happy. He asks
her, and she insists that she came back between things are fine between her and Foreman. They confirm it’s TTP but Taub figures that the case isn’t easy and House knows it, and he wants to see how long it takes them to catch up. They recommend a splenectomy and House agrees, and they figure he’s still testing them. House insists that he doesn’t while going into the bathroom to search for the still-missing Wilson. He finally tells them that he’s fishing for a dinner invite.

When Wilson comes in, House is waiting for him in the lobby. Wilson says he has a dental appointment and House tells him he’s going to break up Cuddy and Lucas. He figures either it will break them up, or make their bond stronger. Wilson isn’t impressed and tells him he has no idea where Cuddy’s sister lives. House warns that if he doesn’t help, he’ll have to resort to more nefarious means, but Wilson passes.

Chase checks James after the surgery and confirms he’s responding to the treatment and can be released in a week. However, James starts slurring his words and Chase realizes he’s having a stroke.

The team goes back into differential while House starts calling to try to locate Cuddy’s sister. Foreman suggests the possibility of more subtle toxins and House orders Thirteen and Foreman do a more detailed tox screen, while Chase and Taub check out the Sidas’ home. As they search, Taub invites Chase to come over for Thanksgiving dinner, and Chase figures he’s asking because he broke up with Cameron. He turns down Taub’s invitation and Taub asks if he has someone to talk to. Chase wonders if he’s overcompensating for the fact that Kutner died. He then finds sketches of atomic structure saved away since 1986. As they go over the books, Chase notices a loose ventilator grille with a bottle of vodka inside.

House cheerfully finishes with the sixth patient in the clinic, much to Cuddy’s surprise. She wonders what his agenda is, and if it’s good or bad. House refuses to say, and she finally breaks down and invites him. He goes to Wilson to boast of his victory, and Wilson notes it’s a three-hour drive away. House tells him that he’s confirmed the address and he’s going.

Back in differential, House is trying on ties while Taub and Chase announce what they’ve found. They figure that the issue is liver failure brought on by alcoholism but House isn’t convinced and tells Taub and Thirteen to do a liver biopsy as the junior team members. He lets Chase and Foreman go to celebrate Thanksgiving.

James admits that he drinks occasionally, much to his wife’s surprise. She wonders why he’s been keeping it from him and James insists it’s not important and a waste of time to test for it.

House arrives at the address for Cuddy’s sister... and meets the house sitter. The sister is in Hawaii and Cuddy is far away, celebrating Thanksgiving with Lucas, family, and friends.

Thirteen brings in tuna salad sandwiches, the only thing she could find, and goes over the liver biopsy with Taub. They don’t discover anything. Taub figures that it’s renal failure, but Thirteen points out that now they have to stay longer to test James’ kidneys.

Lucas returns home and finds a drunken House waiting for him. House insists that Lucas isn’t right for Cuddy and points out that she invited him because she isn’t sure about him. He admits he’s blown all of her chances with Cuddy, and then collapses. As Lucas tries to get him to the sofa bed, House admits he loves Cuddy.

The next day, House is gone and the team meets in the cafeteria. Foreman tells them that House called and said he isn’t coming in. Taub wonders what Chase did, and Chase claims he can’t remember because he may or may not have been drinking. He remembers finding cough syrup in James’ medicine cabinet and suggests that may indicate a symptom. The kidneys tested fine but Foreman suggests that they should go with dialysis. The others agree but Thirteen objects to Foreman taking charge. Taub breaks up the fight and they begin dialysis. Afterward, Thirteen offers to set Chase up with a counselor but he insists he just wants everyone to leave him alone.

House wakes up at home and finds Cuddy on his doorstep. She wants to know what he said to Lucas, who has told her that they should stop seeing each other because he doesn’t want to get caught between Cuddy and House. She tells House that there is no "us" and never will be. Once she’s gone, House tells Wilson that his plan succeeded and Cuddy and Lucas are broken up. When Wilson says that Lucas must be stupid. House gets an epiphany.

House goes to James and tells him he’s stupid because he’s a DXM addict. Robotripping by drinking cough syrup lowers the IQ and causes brain damage, unless taken with ethanol. James was using the alcohol medicinally to counter the brain damage caused by the DXM. He explains to his wife that he wanted his brain on low so he could bear the misery in his life, and that she
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wasn't alone. The long-term abuse accounts for all of his symptoms. As House leaves, James says he can’t live without the DXM's effects, and House tells him he’d be surprised what he can learn to live without.

Lavage treatment removes all traces of DXM from Sidas’ body and he starts doodling schematics for a device again. He asks Dara to get him a juice, and when she’s gone explains to Foreman that the difference between his IQ and hers is so great, he can’t stand to be with her. James admits that he’s a jerk, and when he’s clear, he can’t be.

House is checking another patient and starts insulting her, and then points out that he’s realized she’s a spy for the insurance companies to determine the quality of medical care. He agrees to give her $20 dollars if she pretends he’s nice when she leaves. She agrees but House realizes that Cuddy has left already so it was for nothing, and the spy runs away before she has to give the money back.

Outside, Dara figures that James hates her and Foreman tries to reassure her. James yells that he can’t feel his legs.

At home, Taub wants to talk to Rachel about their situation. He wonders if she is worried about the money, and she finally tells him that he should be beyond doing grunt work. When Taub wonders if she thinks he’s a wuss, Rachel points out that House made him miss Thanksgiving. They’re interrupted when House pages him.

Taub finally arrives as the team tries to determine what’s going on. Chase has nothing to add and House threatens to call Cameron if Chase can’t come up with anything. Chase gets up and slugs him, and then walks out.

Later, Cuddy comes in to see if House is going to press charges. He denies the entire thing happened and asks her if she wants to go for dinner. Cuddy refuses to play along and tells him to do his job. House goes to see James and ask him for ideas, and he figures that House is just as lonely. James explains that he tried to kill himself once by jumping off a building, broke his ribs, and was put on narcotics. That’s when he met Dara, buzzed out of his head, and fell in love with her. House hands him cough medicine and turns to leave, but then has an epiphany. He calls in the team and gets James to the MRI. They confirm that he has accessory spleens. When the ribs broke, they damaged his spleen and 16 different pieces broke up and migrated through his body. It’s TTP of the spleen, and if they remove all of the spleen, he’ll be fine.

Chase goes after House and apologizes, and says that everyone else kept asking him if he was okay. He punched House so they’d stay away from him. House is okay with that.

After the operation, James thanks House for a stimulating conversation and says he’s going back to his life as a deliveryman. Taub asks what Dara thinks about robotripping, and James admits he doesn’t plan to tell her. House walks away and Taub follows him, and wonders if House is okay with James essentially giving himself a lobotomy. When House notes that ignorance is bliss, Taub takes a digital photo of him and leaves.

At home, Taub shows Rachel the photo of House’s battered and claims he punched him. She’s impressed and starts passionately kissing him.

As Cuddy leaves, House intercepts her and asks if they can at least be civil. He then gives her the tickets for a holiday carnival, and says he’s just doing it to be nice. Cuddy refuses to take them and says she’ll see him tomorrow. At home, House tells Wilson that Cuddy and Lucas that they never split up, because she didn’t take the tickets. He figures that she just told House they were breaking up to get him to back off. When Wilson wonders what he’s going to do now, House admits that he failed to break them up.

Cuddy goes home and tells Lucas that she knows House knows they didn’t break up. Lucas figures that means they have House’s blessing and goes to make dinner, suggesting that House might not be so bad after all. Cuddy admits that it would be nice.
Wilson

Season 6
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Season Episode: 9

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Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase)
Recurring Role: Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Joshua Molina (Tucker), Katherine La Nasa (Melissa), Marnette Patterson (Ashley), Christina Vidal (Sandy), Willie C. Carpenter (Del), Jessica Whitaker (Emily), Marisa Tayui (Aikoa Tanaka), Robert Katims (Saul), Anna Khaja (Dr. D’Razio), Gil Espinoza (Juan)
Production Code: HOU-610
Summary: Wilson insists on treating the case of a friend and former patient, Tucker, who is suffering from paralysis of his right arm. However, he soon discovers that he can’t separate his feelings from his professional attitude. Meanwhile, Cuddy tries to buy a new house.

Wilson is trying to sleep when House starts playing the guitar in the next room. He staggers out and suggests he’s going to toss the guitar in the garbage, but House explains that he had the urge to play. When House wonders why Wilson isn’t getting ready for work, Wilson explains he’s going hunting, after he sleeps in. House goes in after him and warns that Wilson’s friend Tucker is a self-important jerk who calls him Jim instead of James.

Later, Wilson and Tucker are hunting turkey in the woods without much success. They then pin a chemo bag to a tree in celebration of the fact that Tucker didn’t die in six months from leukemia as Wilson predicted. Each year he’s dedicated himself to finding a new way to celebrate. Tucker shoots the bag and thanks Wilson, but then drops his rifle because his left arm is suddenly paralyzed. He wonders if he’s had a stroke.

Wilson gets Tucker to Princeton and tries to assure him that he didn’t have a stroke, and the test prove negative for leukemia. Tucker’s young girlfriend Ashley is also there, and Wilson notices she has a cold sore and suspects that the virus from it has infected Tucker’s spine, causing his paralysis. He orders treatment and goes to see House to inform him that he had an epiphany moment. House and his team are working on a patient who is complaining of stomach pains. As Wilson leaves, House warns that Tucker doesn’t have transverse myelitis and admits he’s been spying on Wilson’s cases. House insists that it’s cancer and warns that Wilson is biased. He wagers $100 and Wilson accepts the bet.

Wilson checks with his next patient, Del Clinton, but is called away. As he starts to go, he realizes that Del didn’t brag about his grandchildren and asks if the man is depressed. Del admits he’s a little more down than usual and Wilson orders a couple of extra tests to be on the safe side. He then gets a page that Tucker’s foot is tingling and goes to check it out. Once Tucker gets Ashley out of the room, he wonders if he’s having a relapse. Wilson assures him that he’s...
not having a relapse of cancer. Tucker asks Wilson to call his daughter Emily to come down, and admits she hasn’t been talking to him since he got tighter with the younger Ashley.

As Wilson talks to Emily, Cuddy comes in to check on him and suggests that he listen to House’s suggestion. She then asks Wilson to put her in touch with Bonnie so she can buy a house: she’s moving in with Lucas. Wilson suspects she wants his blessing… and House’s. Cuddy insists that isn’t the case.

That night, Emily and her mother, Melissa, arrive to see Tucker. Tucker is now coughing regularly and his body starts to shut down. Once they stabilize Tucker, he goes to see the team. They’ve dealt with their patient and warn Wilson that House is hiding so that he can’t get a new case from Cuddy. Wilson asks them to review Tucker’s case and they suggest fungal infection, and Wilson believe that the fungal infection could have caused the symptoms. He tells Tucker they can treat for it but warns that it is surgery and there are risks. Tucker asks Ashley, who is hesitant. Melissa asks about the risks and Wilson assures him that it’s necessary. He promises Melissa that he’ll be there.

As Wilson checks back on his patients, he’s told that one of them, Saul, is having trouble sleeping. As Wilson visits him, he hears a toilet flush in the next room and finds House there, hiding. House wants $100 and points out that Tucker doesn’t have fungal infection. Cuddy arrives and Wilson gets her outside where she talks about the house she wants to buy.

Wilson talks to Tucker before the surgery, and they discuss the fact that Ashley isn’t ready to handle things at such a young age. Tucker admits he broke up with Melissa because they married young, but otherwise isn’t sure. Wilson then goes to the observation gallery where House is watching, and waiting for Wilson. House wants to discuss Cuddy and Lucas, and figures Cuddy is having commitment issues. Wilson tells him that it has no deeper meaning and to let it go. Chase, performing the surgery on Tucker, reports that his immune system is failing. House insists it demonstrates that cancer is the cause of Tucker’s symptoms.

Later, Wilson meets with his staff in the conference room and discusses Del’s case, including the fact they found a new lesion. House comes in to tell Wilson that Tucker has cancer and shows him the test results. Wilson breaks the news to Tucker and his family and explains it’s a new case of ALL leukemia and is lodged in his brain. They can go for a cure with a 90% chance of success. If it fails, Tucker will live for six months. They need to surgically place a shunt to get the chemicals into his brain. They need someone to act as medical proxy and Tucker suggests that he have Melissa do it. As they take Tucker to surgery, House brings his new patient in for immediate treatment and bumps Tucker. As they wait, Ashley accuses Tucker not loving her, but he insists that Melissa is the one that knows him best.

After the surgery, Wilson checks on Tucker, who informs him that Ashley is staying away because she’s pissed off. Wilson realizes that the new chemo isn’t working because the original chemo made his leukemia resistant. Wilson has an idea and goes to House, who disagrees with his idea of doubling the chemo dosage. When Wilson points out that it’s something House would do, House says he can handle it when things go wrong, but Wilson can’t. Wilson insists he can and brings the idea to Tucker. Melissa says he should talk to Ashley but Emily says that he should go with whatever keeps him around longer. The treatment initially works, but Wilson notices that his eyes are yellow and takes samples. House comes in to the lab and Wilson admits that that Tucker’s liver is breaking down due to the chemo.

Wilson explains what happened to Tucker and his family. If they don’t find him a new liver, he only has 24 hours left. Wilson has moved Tucker to the top of the transplant list but there’s nothing else they can do. None of them match Tucker’s blood type. House comes in, soaked from having to treat his patient in a shower, and informs them that there was an accident and a man who matches Tucker’s blood type died. However, the man didn’t have an organ donor card and the sister is refusing to sign off on the donation.

House and Wilson go to see the sister, Aikoa, who isn’t home. As they wait, Wilson wants to know what House plans to do to break Cuddy and Lucas up, and House insists that while he isn’t fine, he’s accepted it. The sister arrives home and they go to talk to her. She explains that she has been separated from her brother until recently, and if they defile his body then his spirit will be harmed per her beliefs in Shinto. House suggests that they donate only one small part of his liver and Aikoa agrees, but Wilson gets the news that the liver has degraded and it’s too late.

Wilson goes to see Tucker, who accuses him of taking away six months of his life on the treatment. He insists he can’t lose his family, then notes that Wilson gave him a blood donation.
five years ago and can also donate part of his liver. When Wilson balks because he’s Tucker’s doctor, Tucker fires him and begs him to donate, but Wilson refuses. Wilson goes home and House wonders why he’s late. He explains that he was out drinking and House realizes that he’s actually considering donating. He tries to get through to Wilson and explain that he’s not responsible, and tells him not to be a doormat. Wilson snaps and tells him to get out, insisting he’s wrong.

The next day, Tucker isn’t getting any worse, and Wilson’s nurse Sandy gives him the scans on Del. Wilson takes them to Del and shows him that he’s getting better because they caught a bit of it early. Wilson goes to see Cuddy, who tells him she put a fair offer down on the house but it was turned down. He tells her that he wants to donate part of his liver to Tucker, and she points out that he’s a doctor, not a donor. Wilson asks her why she made him the Head of Oncology, and she admits it’s because he cares. Cuddy warns him he’s doing it out of guilt but Wilson insists on doing it.

Wilson goes to see House and tell him he’s doing it. House notes that all of Wilson’s patients are dying and wonders why he’s donating for Tucker. Wilson asks House to be there for the operation but House refuses: he doesn’t want to see Wilson die and admits that if Wilson does die, he’s alone.

Wilson goes into surgery to have his liver removed. Just before he passes out from the anesthetic, he sees House watching from the observation gallery. Afterward, House sits with Wilson. Once he’s recovered, Wilson goes to see Tucker, who explains that he’s staying with Ashley because she’s who he wants when he’s living. Angry, Wilson leaves.

Later, Wilson tells House about Tucker’s decision and admits he’s a little disappointed. House tells him that it’s okay to get angry once in a while, and then leaves. Wilson makes a decision and calls Bonnie. Once he’s out of the hospital, Wilson takes House to see the house and tells him what Cuddy’s bid was. House realizes that Wilson got mad about Cuddy hurting House, and outbid Cuddy to get the house for himself and for House. House is proud of him but wonders what he’s going to tell Cuddy. Wilson figures he can’t hide it forever, but he can delay it as long as possible. House tells him to express his anger in baby steps, and Wilson just smiles as he calls Bonnie to confirm he’s taking it.
The Down Low

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Show Stars: Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy)
Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom [Nurse]
Guest Stars: Ethan Embry (Mickey), Sherry Weston (Diner), Sean Carrigan (Guy), Sasha Alexander (Nora), Nick Chinlund (Eddie), Sammy Busby (Gorski), Paul Zies (Marco), Preston James Hillier (Tommy), Rosalie Vega (Nurse Yvette), Bonnie Kathleen Ryan (Mickey's Wife)
Production Code: HOU-611
Summary: A drug dealer collapses during a sale, but refuses to reveal personal information to the team because it might incriminate him. Meanwhile, Foreman’s teammates conspire to play a practical joke on him, while House and Wilson both aim their sights on an attractive new neighbor, Nora.

Eddie is trying to make a drug deal with Gorski, a criminal, who is offended by Eddie’s lack of respect. His partner Mickey tries to intervene and a shot goes off. He collapses, but they discover that Mickey wasn’t shot, although he scrapes his head on the concrete. Gorski and his man leave, and Eddie calls for help.

At the clinic, House checks Mickey’s head injury and soon realizes that they are avoiding the ER because they were dealing drugs. They start to leave but House slams his cane on the examination table, causing a loud noise that causes Mickey to feel vertigo and collapse.

In differential, House describes the symptoms and notes that Chase has got a haircut. Mickey’s medical history is blank and House explains it’s because Mickey is a drug dealer. As they talk, Foreman notices a pay stub laying on the ground. He figures it’s ears or brain, and suggests acoustic neuroma. House figures Mickey is taking cocaine, that caused the problem.

Wilson is chatting with one of his new neighbors, Nora, who seems to like him. He finally asks her out for dinner... and Nora admits that she thinks that Wilson and House are gay.

Taub and Foreman checks Mickey’s ears, and Foreman has Taub take a look at the piece of paper he picked up. It’s Thirteen’s pay stub, and Foreman doesn’t think she’s getting paid that much. Taub points out that he’s getting the same, and realizes Foreman isn’t.

House talks to Eddie and demands the drugs. When Eddie refuses, House tries to get him to admit what they’re dealing without incriminating himself. Eddie explains that nobody cuts or touches the drugs, including Mickey. Wilson arrives and tells House that everyone thinks they’re gay. House isn’t concerned, despite the fact Wilson wants to date Nora and he can’t convince her that he’s a heterosexual. Eddie interrupts and explains that Mickey hates drugs, and he’s the only one that Eddie trusts. House assures him that Mickey will be fine.
In the lab, Mickey goes into convulsions. They get his hyperdilation under control and go back into differential. The team figures that Mickey’s conditions weren’t brought on by exposure to drugs once he was brought to the hospital. Foreman notices that Thirteen is wearing a new, expensive watch, but she says she treated herself. She suggests they check for clogging of the arteries and House agrees.

Foreman goes to see Cuddy and demand more money, but she refuses to discuss his teammates’ wages and points out that he has nothing to negotiate with since no one else is competing for his services.

Taub and Thirteen report to House that Mickey’s arteries are fine, and discover that he’s bugged Mickey’s room to listen in while the patient and his partner talk. House doesn’t have any luck with the radio receiver, and tells Taub to tell Mickey that the tests will take weeks. Mickey demands that they discharge him, just as House planned, and Taub goes to get the forms.

Once Mickey is discharged, Chase and Thirteen follow him. As they drive, they discuss the fact that they’re playing with Foreman over their salaries to take him down a notch. Unfortunately, they lose Mickey in traffic and a policeman pulls them over for speeding.

House stops by to see Nora at the mailbox and claim that they’re both straight. He then brings in a poster of A Chorus Line, oohs and awes over it, and compliments Nora on her shoes.

Foreman tells Taub that he plans to wait until his review in August to ask for more money. Taub agrees that’s what he’d do himself... but he’s a coward. They get a page about Mickey, who has been brought in by Eddie after he collapsed again. He’s delirious and they treat for the symptoms. The team meets except for Foreman, who is with Cuddy. House asks if Foreman fell for the paycheck thing and compliments them. He then decides that it’s infection rather than environment, and the symptoms have moved to his brain. Chase and Taub go to do a lumbar puncture.

As they do the puncture, Mickey tells him that he knew they were following him, and he lost them so he could take care of business. As they try to get a clear puncture, Mickey insists that what he does is illegal, not immoral, and it’s nobody else’s business. Mickey’s heart rate remains normal, despite the stress of the test.

Wilson goes to see House and confronts him over his plan to make it appear they were straight, and how House is sabotaging the idea. House admits that he’s doing it to mess with Wilson, and also so that he can hit on Nora by hanging out with her when he “breaks up” with Wilson. He figures that eventually he’ll get Nora to have sex with him. Wilson insists that he saw him first and House figures he’s doing it because he’s going to lose. Chase arrives to tell House that Mickey isn’t showing autonomic function, giving them a new symptom.

House goes to see Mickey and calls him a wuss, and says that he’s taking beta-blockers. Mickey explains that he’s been doing something illegal, and he’s been buying pills to control the stress. He doesn’t want Eddie to know so his partner doesn’t think he’s going soft. House realizes that when they brought him to the hospital, he was cut off from his beta-blockers and suffered withdrawal. Eliminating the withdrawal symptoms, House has a new diagnosis.

Wilson returns home to discover House giving Nora a massage, eating Chinese takeout, and watching women’s TV. He sits down to have some with them.

As they run more tests, Taub asks Foreman how it went. Foreman explains that he got an offer to run a neurological department, but it was a bluff and Cuddy called him. He plans to leave once the case is over.

Wilson tries to explain to Nora that House is lying. She accuses him of lying and refusing to admit that he’s gay. Nora figures that Wilson is jealous.

House returns and Taub and Foreman tell him that there’s no indication of the new diagnosis. Thirteen is listening in on the radio receiver and has figured out how it works. However, she’s unable to get an open frequency, and House realizes there must be at least one open frequency. He goes to see Mickey and gets Eddie to leave by offering to do a rectal exam on Mickey in front of him. Once Eddie is gone, House asks why Mickey is taken beta-blockers. He reaches under the mattress and removes his bug... and then finds another one behind the pillow, one that Mickey planted himself. They realize that Mickey is a cop working undercover.

House tells the rest of the team, but Foreman is unimpressed, noting it doesn’t help give them a diagnosis. House has Chase and Thirteen go in and threaten to tell his superiors, but Mickey points out they have no idea who he is or who he works for. Mickey notes that Gorski killed a snitch a few weeks ago, and is planning to expand. If the team gets caught poking around, it’ll
blow the arrest Mickey's people have planned the next day. Thirteen says that he can't risk his life, but Mickey explains he's been undercover for 16 months and asks them to keep him alive for another 24 hours. Once the bust is completed, he'll tell them what they need to know. Eddie comes in and Mickey has another attack, caused by thrombosis bringing on a GI infarction.

The team removes the bowel to stop the attack, but they're left to determine what is causing all the symptoms. They suspect environment but have no way to narrow it down. Thirteen suggests that they give Eddie the same symptoms so he'll take them to his manufacturing plant. She sits with him and offers him some coffee, and tells him that Mickey is getting worse. She tries to convince him to tell her where Mickey has been, warning that Eddie and his people may be at risk. Eddie starts to feel dizzy, but realizes that Thirteen has drugged him. She admits that he'll be fine in an hour and starts to leave, but Eddie wonders if Mickey could die. He finally relents, saying it's just a deal and his friend's life is more important. He takes Thirteen to the dry cleaners where they've been keeping their stuff. She takes environmental samples while Eddie warns that they're not supposed to be there. When one of his men arrives, Thirteen pretends she's a prostitute to cover and the man believes it.

House goes to dinner with Nora and bemoans how his relationship with Wilson is going. Nora invites him to stay at her place, saying it'll be fun. Wilson comes in and publicly declares that he loves House, and he's no longer going to deny it. He takes out a ring and proposes to him, and Nora leaves to let them talk things over.

Taub and Thirteen go over the samples but don't find anything. Thirteen figures the dry cleaning chemicals are responsible and wait for the results. Chase comes in and worries that their joke has gone too far and they need to talk to Cuddy. Foreman comes in as Thirteen discovers the dry cleaning shop are using "green" solvents. However, they still have nothing.

A scan shows a series of four pulmonary aneurysms, indicating a fungal infection. However, none of the samples show fungal infection. House thinks Thirteen missed something but she insists that she's correct and House is forced to agree. They put Mickey on anti-bleeding meds to stop the flow of blood into his lungs. Eddie tends to his partner and Mickey blames him for taking Thirteen to the dry cleaners when it didn't accomplish anything. Eddie admits that he couldn't just sit and do nothing while Mickey died, and insists that Mickey would do it for him. He considers staying at Mickey's side, but Mickey says he needs to finish the deal after all the work they've put in. Eddie reluctantly agrees and Mickey says that he wishes he was there when the deal goes down.

Chase, Thirteen, and Taub confess what happened with Foreman. They ask her to give Foreman his raise out of their paychecks. Cuddy agrees, but then tells them that she hasn't seen Foreman in three days. As they leave, they find Foreman outside, smirking.

Nora comes to see House, and he explains that he's been screwing with Wilson to get to her. She angrily starts to walk off, but House tells her that Wilson is a good guy and really likes her. However, she realizes that House is still trying to sleep with her. House points out that Wilson isn't exactly a Boy Scout, and gets an idea.

House goes to see Mickey and explains the hypertension was a real symptom. He has an auto-immune disease. Once it's so far advanced, they can't do anything. The aneurysms will eventually rupture and Mickey will die. Thirteen points out that Mickey telling them everything earlier wouldn't have changed anything. Mickey says that he needs to call his wife.

Eddie goes ahead with his deal. The police arrive and arrest him and the others.

Mickey's wife come to see him and is there when he dies.

As Eddie is lead away, he realizes who betrayed him.

House and Wilson are watching hockey in their new home and House figures that at least Mickey died as a hero. Wilson notes that Nora talked to him, and now knows the truth: their both dirtbags. Wilson starts singing musical numbers to get House to get rid of the sofa that he hates.
Remorse
Season 6
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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Beau Garrett (Valerie), Shane Edelman (Bill), Ray Abruzzo (Wibberly), Joseph Culp (Russ Smith), James McCauley (Norris), Kathleen MacDonald (Sarah), Jaime Alvarez (Jose)
Production Code: HOU-612
Summary: House decides to take on the case of a beautiful female executive based on her looks, and the other males on the team are equally smitten. Only Thirteen is able to remain unaffected as they try to determine the cause of the woman's illness. Meanwhile, House tries to resolve his past with a former medical school colleague he wronged.

At an airfield, Valerie accompanies her boss Norris to his plane and insists that she's not to blame for the recent mess-up during their presentation. Valerie shows him a text message confirming that her co-worker Russ received her message. He suddenly feels dizzy, throws up, and runs off, insisting he isn't drunk. Valerie tells Norris that she wasn't aware that Russ was drinking. She goes to pick up something for her boss but suddenly clutches at her ears and screams in pain.

Foreman introduces the case to the team, which are meeting in Wilson’s office for reasons only known to House. House isn’t interested until Foreman tells him that Valerie is hot and his husband Bill isn’t hot or rich. House looks at the case and they note that Valerie changed her diet to raw food. He figures that it’s heart-related, not ear-related. As they go to check, House gets a message from someone called Wibberly but ignores it.

All of the male doctors congregate around Valerie and lead her away for testing, much to Thirteen’s amusement.

Wilson arrives at his office and discovers House sleeping on the couch. House explains that Lorenzo Wibberly, someone he knew in med school, keeps calling him. When Wilson wonders why House can’t tell him to get lost, House notes that Wibberly was with him in group therapy, and his doctor had him write an apology. House explains that he switches a paper from Wibberly that caused him to fail. Wilson wonders why House didn’t apologize to him or Cuddy.

As they bring Valerie back to her room after the test for arrhythmia proves negative, they find Russ waiting for her. He’s definitely drunk now, and accuses Valerie of poisoning him to make him appear drunk earlier. He then gets up and grabs her, and Bill pulls him off. Russ says that Valerie doesn’t love either one of them, but Valerie says he was under treatment for paranoid tendencies. Russ admits that he was, but he had good reason to be. As Taub brings in security, Russ leaves after threatening Valerie. Valerie assures her husband that Russ is making up the affair, but Thirteen isn’t convinced.
House is hiding out in Cuddy's office and talks to the team by speakerphone. He wants to make sure that Wilson doesn't force him to go to lunch with Wibberly. The team suggests that Russ may have dosed her coffee with his hyperthyroidism medicine, causing Valerie's symptoms. Everyone thinks that Russ did it except for Thirteen, who insists that Valerie is hiding something. House suggests that Thirteen is taking out her relationship issues with Foreman and orders them to give Valerie beta-blockers to counter the hyperthyroidism medicine. Once House cuts off to cut up two photos, of Cuddy and a chimpanzee in one pictures, and Cuddy and Lucas together in another, Foreman orders Thirteen to treat Valerie. However, House is interrupted when Wibberly comes in, directed there by Wilson.

At the cafeteria, Wibberly thanks House for sending him the apology and explains that he's working at an organic supermarket chain. He never graduated med school because his father got sick and he had to take care of him. When House wonders why he didn't graduate, Wibberly explains that he was one credit short... for the class where House switched papers.

Thirteen tells Valerie that she's testing for a brain tumor, and then puts her in a MRI and has her talk. She shows the results to Foreman: they indicate that Valerie can understand feelings, but she can't feel them herself. She's a clinical psychopath. They report to House, who goes to see Valerie and orders Bill out of the room. He then asks her how long she's been a psychopath. He notes she may not be violent, but she lacks conscience and lies pathologically. Valerie refuses to confirm until House notes that they're under an oath of confidentiality and just want to find out to cure her heart condition. She explains she gave Russ a Valium and an emetic, and he knew what he was getting into. Bill has a trust fund and she has a prenup. Valerie insists that everyone's every known is out for themselves, and she is the only one who admits it to themselves. Thirteen notes that it sounds like House. Outside, House explains that he really does believe Valerie's psychological problem is related to her heart. Foreman suggests tertiary syphilis and House agrees, ordering penicillin treatment.

Afterward, Foreman complains to House that Thirteen flouted his authority and House's. He wants House to punish Thirteen, but House points out that it's Foreman's problem, not his. Cuddy confronts him about the photo from Equador, a photo that her father took and is the last thing she had that he touched. House admits that it wouldn't do any good to apologize and goes to see Wilson, who is with a Hispanic patient at the clinic. Wilson notes that he hasn't responded to House's text messages about Wibberly, and House figures that Wibberly isn't pissed because he has an agenda. When Wilson suggests that Wibberly might be happier than House is, House figures that Wibberly is happy and decides to check it out.

House goes to see Wibberly and realizes that he's losing his home because of his father's medical debts, but says it could be worse. House wonders how.

As the team tries to explain why they're testing Valerie for syphilis to her husband, Valerie starts coughing. Once her husband goes to get some water, Valerie tells Thirteen that she's going to sue her for $19 million if she reveals to her husband what they learned about her psychological problems. Once her husband returns, she goes back to acting normal. Thirteen turns her arm... and Valerie's bone breaks.

Valerie complains to Cuddy, but House defends her because the tests show kidney failure that caused brittle bones. The kidney failure rules out syphilis. Foreman suggests lymphoma and House orders radiotherapy. Thirteen suggests they use some of the urine they took when she was admitted. Foreman argues against her, and House orders everyone else and then tells Foreman and Thirteen to have sex so they stop arguing.

As they take Valerie away for radiation treatment, her husband asks Thirteen if it's necessary. Thirteen suggests that they test for environmental contamination, and her husband says that Valerie did take a landscaping class at the YWCA. She asks him to find out where the class was held.

In the radiation treatment room, House comes to visit Valerie for a second time and she wonders why he wants to chat with her repeatedly when he almost never visits patients. She suggests that he's taken a personal interest in her because of her psychopathic tendencies, and they argue over conscience. Valerie points out that conscience is an animal instinct, and one that doesn't have to be followed.

Later, Bill comes back and tells Valerie that he discovered she wasn't going to a landscaping class. Valerie claims that she was at the office and pointed out that the only thing they've argued about was her work. She claims she wants the job because it's the only thing she has that's her
own, and tells him to call whoever he needs to as proof. Valerie embraces him... and smirks at Thirteen, who has seen the entire thing.

Valerie calls in Cuddy to complain that Thirteen used her position to make it appear to Bill that she was having an affair. Cuddy refuses to back down but removes Thirteen from the case to protect Thirteen. As Thirteen goes, Valerie mocks her again, wondering if she’s going to cry.

Later, Thirteen is in the cafeteria when the medical board calls to tell her that a sexual harassment case has been filed against her. She goes in to yell at Valerie, but Foreman pulls her off in private and says that she needs to be calm. Thirteen accuses him of being an unemotional jerk, and Foreman apologizes for firing her, admitting it was a mistake on his part. Their interruption is interrupted when they get a page: Blood from her liver is backing up into her esophagus. Her only hope is a shunt to bypass the liver. Bill is reluctant to make the call, and admits he doesn’t even know who his wife is any more. He finally tells Foreman to do what he needs to.

After surgery, the team figures that Valerie doesn’t have more than a day or two left. House orders steroid treatment for hepatic fibrosis, their best guess, but she needs a new liver. Thirteen figures that Bill has left Valerie, but Taub tells her that he’s staying with his wife until she’s better. Thirteen thinks it’s pointless to find any of Valerie’s family and House notes that she’s bitter because of the sexual harassment suit.

Wilson comes to see House, who is writing a check for Wibberly to cover his mortgage. Wilson wonders why he won’t apologize to Cuddy, and points out that he can’t because he has feelings for Cuddy. He figures that House finds it easier to pay money as an apology than to apologize to someone he cares about, but House is determined to ignore him.

In the hallway, Thirteen notices Sarah, Valerie’s sister, sneaking away from her sister’s room. Thirteen confronts her and admits she’s surprised that she’s there, and that she got tested to see if her blood type was compatible. Sarah explains that their father was a drunk and Valerie protected her from him. Then all of his abuse changed Valerie and made her cold. Thirteen asks when it happened. She then goes to see House and tells him that the psychopathy is a symptom, and it occurred at puberty. Putting it together with Valerie’s raw-food diet and nuts with a high copper content House figures that it’s Wilson’s Disease. There’s one other way to test and they check Valerie’s fingernails. They are blue, and House orders chelation. Thirteen explains that her body can’t process copper, and it accounted for all of her symptoms. She warns that the alterations to her brain are probably permanent. Thirteen asks to see Bill outside and then explains that Valerie is playing along so that she can stay with Bill and get his money. He says that he was happy before and that her feelings for him felt real. Bill wonders if that can be enough.

House goes to see Wibberly and give him the check. Wibberly finally admits that he got an A+ with House’s paper, was a doctor for ten years, and then lost his license because his gambling addiction led him to overcharge Medicare patients. He admits that he thought that House would be the same bastard he was in med school, but figures that he’s now changed. Wibberly tries to give the check back, insisting House gave him the A+. House tries to refuse but eventually gives in.

The chelation stabilizes Valerie so that she can qualify for a liver transplant. Bill suggests they go to a hut on a beach in Vietnam and take some time off. Valerie says that he’s pathetic and the treatment is focusing her mind, making her see the truth about him. Bill walks out and Thirteen asks why Valerie said what she did. She realizes the treatment worked on Valerie’s brain and she’s feeling something. Valerie admits that she feels something, something that hurts, and Thirteen tells her that it will.

Thirteen goes to see Foreman. He congratulates her on her diagnosis and she helps him translate Taub’s writing on a discharge part. The two of them settle down and start working together... peacefully.

House walks near Cuddy’s office and sees her with Lucas. He turns and walks away, and then goes to Wibberly’s house and slips the check through the mail slot.
Moving the Chains

Season 6
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Season Episode: 12

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Director: David Straiton
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase)
Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Davon McDonald (Daryl), Denise Dowse (Glenda), Trever O'Brien (Jim Dunnagan), Orlando Jones (Marcus Foreman), Shon Little (Scout), Harry Zinn (Coach Denning), Chris Robbins (Quarterback)
Production Code: HOU-613
Summary: The team disagree on how to treat a pro football player who wants to be cured in time to complete in the NFL tryouts. Meanwhile, Foreman’s brother Marcus pays him a visit.

At a football training session, Daryl is number 77. His mother Glenda talks to a scout in the stands, praising her son, and insists that he deserves a chance in the NFL. Daryl suddenly goes berserk, attacks another player, and then starts smashing in his head with his own helmet.

Wilson wakes up and finds House using his bathtub to soak his leg. He’s less than enthused about House doing so.

The team is watching video of their new patient, Daryl, as he goes berserk on the field. He has no memory of what happened, but Chase has run a CT and there’s no indication brain. The test for steroids is negative and there’s no indication of psychiatric problem. Foreman suggests pituitary damage and everyone agrees. House agrees to the test to confirm but believes that Daryl is taking steroids. As they leave, House tells Foreman that he has something else to do: pick up his older brother Marcus when he gets out of prison later that day. Foreman refuses and walks out.

Taub tests Daryl as Glenda looks on. He describes what they’re looking for and both Daryl and Glenda are eager for Daryl to be cured so they can have him ready for the game where the pro scouts will be checking Daryl out. Taub reluctantly says that if the pituitary is the source of Daryl’s rage, they can operate and have him ready by Saturday.

House meets with a clinic patient, Jim Dunnagan, who claims he has eye problems. House thinks he’s making it up to get out of military service, and the soldier points out that he’s being stop-lossed and his wife is pregnant. Jim explains that he chose House because of his limp, figuring he was a Vietnam veteran. House, insulted, jokingly notes that draft dodgers shot themselves in the foot. As he leaves, Taub arrives to inform him that there are no pituitary problems and that the test indicates House must be right about the steroids. Taub tells Daryl, who denies using steroids, and the football player suddenly starts suffering from tachycardia.

Foreman comes to see House... and discovers that Marcus is there already. House is happy to tell Foreman that as part of his parole, Marcus is now working as House’s assistant. Foreman
tells House about Daryl's condition and then demands to see Marcus in private. He tells his brother that he can't work there but Marcus insists that he wants the chance to be Foreman. Foreman warns that House is just hiring Marcus to screw with him, and Marcus angrily tells him that it might be better if Marcus working there didn't screw with him. Foreman insists that he leave but Marcus refuses.

The next day, Wilson goes into the bathroom, and finds a opossum in his bathtub. Meanwhile, the team meets and Taub admits that all of the tests of Daryl's heart prove negative. Marcus brings coffee for House. Foreman refuses to let it bother him and tries to discuss the case. House insists on playing with him, relating a story Marcus told him about Foreman wetting the bed. When Marcus brings up a story of a basketball player who collapsed, House seizes on it and suggests hypertropic cardiomyopathy. Wilson arrives and demands to know what House is up to. When House denies everything, Wilson vows revenge and leaves. House seems to have no idea what he's talking about, and orders the team to put Daryl on a treadmill to stress his heart and provoke the condition again.

Foreman goes to Cuddy to object and explains that Marcus stole money from his parents to pay for his drugs. Cuddy sympathizes but refuses to fire Marcus. Meanwhile, Wilson comes back to tell House how much removing the opossum will cost, but House insists that Wilson left the window open and it's his fault. Wilson wonders why House hired Marcus, and finally accuses him of being nice. As he leaves, Taub and Chase arrive and tell House that they were unable to induce an attack in Daryl. House goes to see Daryl and gives him a vasodilator to exercise his heart. As House takes Daryl's hand, he notices that his hands are turning white.

Back in differential, the team tries to figure out what could cause poor blood circulation. Foreman is more worried that House that has provided Marcus with a desk and nameplate. He focuses to the case and suggests removal of the spleen in case it's lymphoma. House orders an ethanol drop since it will confirm or eliminate their two primary diagnoses.

As Foreman and Thirteen come to see Daryl, Marcus arrives and explains that House ordered him to shadow Foreman and record everything he says. When Marcus demands that he wants the chance to prove himself, Foreman notes that he's already had plenty of chances.

Wilson comes to the cafeteria to see House. When he finds out that House is giving Marcus ever more demeaning duties, he suggests that House is doing it so people won't think he's actually doing something nice. House thinks he's nuts, but they're interrupted when Cuddy tells him that the soldier shot himself in the foot. House goes to see him and warns him that it won't keep him out of duty. Jim insists that he's a different man, a father with a wife and a kid on the way, but House is unsympathetic and walks away.

Daryl asks Foreman what they're waiting for, but Foreman refuses to tell him what to expect. The football player realizes that Marcus is Foreman's brother because of the hate-filled looks Foreman keeps giving Marcus. Daryl starts itching and Foreman tells him that confirms lymphoma and they can remove his spleen laparoscopically and have him ready to play for the game.

House gets in the tub to soak his leg, and then grabs the support rail he's had installed. It breaks away, dropping him into the tub. When Wilson comes home later, he finds House waiting for him in the dark. Wilson insists he didn't loosen the rail but House warns him that now it's war.

As Chase removes the spleen, he notices that Daryl's liver is swollen, and they realize that it's not lymphoma. House comes in as the team goes over the new symptom, and starts mocking Foreman with more childhood incidents from Marcus. Foreman refuses to react, and Marcus admits he made the stories up. Taub suggests viral hepatitis caused by a doctor reusing a needle. House orders them to test for hepatitis and then takes Marcus to lunch. He wants Marcus to tell the truth about Foreman and his arrest for grand theft auto. However, Marcus insists that Foreman was a good kid. However, House finally gets him to admit that Foreman was with him when he stole a car. Foreman arrives and tells them that Daryl's blood is clotting rapidly. House tells him to treat with warfarin and sends him away. Marcus describes how Foreman and Marcus got caught, and their mother was disappointed. Foreman vowed to never disappoint his mother again. Marcus notes that their mother is dead, and House realizes that Foreman never told anyone she had died recently. Marcus warns him never to bring it up with Foreman.

Foreman explains that they can treat Daryl for his blood thickening but that it will take several weeks. Glenda and Daryl ask Foreman to wait for the treatment until after the game, but
Foreman warns that he could die. They reluctantly agree.

House goes to see Wilson and explains that he’s deduced that since they don’t have a flat-head screwdriver, Wilson couldn’t have sabotaged the guard rail. Further he explains that it must prove he’s innocent as well since he’s refusing to escalate. House concludes that the opossum was meant for him. The two men wait up all night to see who shows up. Wilson wonders if this isn’t House’s whole plan to escalate things by keeping him awake, and finally gets up and goes to bed. However, the sprinkler system goes on by itself and ruins their flat screen TV, and Wilson realizes House would never sacrifice it. And House realizes that their nemesis is a genius.

The next day, Cuddy is waiting with the rest of the team, wondering where House is. He comes in, ready to find the guilty party. Wilson explains what has been going on and Cuddy angrily leaves. House then goes through the suspects one at a time. Chase says that he was there monitoring the patient with Thirteen. Taub was with his wife, or so he claims. That brings House to Foreman, who says he isn’t interested and doesn’t know where they lives. When House says that Foreman’s a liar by omission, Marcus tells him to stop. House ignores him and tells everyone that Foreman’s mother died. Wilson warns him that he’s off-topic but the others wonder why Foreman didn’t say anything. Foreman insists that it’s no one’s business and Marcus snaps at House. He quits and walks away, but Foreman ignores him and goes to give Daryl a fresh IV.

Daryl informs Foreman that he’s getting better and the team doctor has cleared him to play. Glenda tries to stop Daryl, but her son says he’ll take the medicine after the game. Glenda asks Foreman to go with her son.

House examines Jim’s wounded foot and tells him that he’s going to lose his toe because the old antibiotics aren’t working. Jim is glad to hear it, until House tells him that missing a toe isn’t a disqualification. House comments that he’ll lose the whole foot if they don’t switch him to new antibiotics.

As they arrive at the stadium, Foreman asks Daryl why he’s risking everything. Daryl explains that he’s doing it so he can take care of his mother, and it’s a sacrifice he’s willing to make... for family. As Daryl starts to go outside, he goes blind and asks Foreman to take him back to the hospital.

After dropping Daryl off at the hospital, Foreman calls the team and tells them that he drugged Daryl’s water bottle to make him temporarily blind and convince him to go back to the hospital. House tells them that they have a new symptom and shows them Daryl’s readmittance chart. He only lost a single pound rather than ten or more pounds, and Chase suggests paraneoplastic syndrome. It creates antibodies that battle cancer and act like growth hormones. House tells the team to test Daryl for antibodies that mimic cancer.

Foreman goes to see Marcus at the halfway house and offers to get his job back. Marcus figures that House won’t want him back once he realizes it doesn’t bother Foreman. When Marcus vows that he won’t let him down, Foreman tells him not to promise anything, but invites him to move in with him. Marcus steps forward and embraces his brother.

In the cafeteria, House and Wilson are trying to figure out who is responsible when Lucas trips House and boast that he’s trying to think of something funny to top the fire sprinkler incident. Lucas explains that he knows all about how they bought Cuddy’s house out from under her. Further, he tells them that he’s stopping all activities. If they seek revenge, he’ll tell Cuddy what they did. House and Wilson are stricken speechless as Lucas walks off.

Daryl proves negative for cancer but it’s the only thing that can account for all the symptoms. House gets an idea and goes to see Daryl. He explains that he’s darker because he has more melanin, and checks Daryl’s body. House notes that most black men get skin cancer on the white parts of their body, and any bruises Daryl took elsewhere would have covered up any moles. House finally finds a tumorous mole on his toe. Daryl wonders what the point of being cured is since he lost his shot at the big time, but House says he’ll just have to put up with the same kind of life all the other people in his class will have, without the student loans.

Lucas comes to see Cuddy, who suspects that he pranked House and Wilson. When he wonders why she didn’t want revenge, he speculates that she feels guilty about hurting House, or guilty about being with Lucas. She insists it’s not worth the effort to go to war, and quickly withdraws his speculation.

Wilson tells House that Foreman and Marcus are together, and accuses him of provoking Marcus to quit to bring him closer to Foreman. House denies it and then says he doesn’t plan to get revenge on Lucas. Wilson figures that proves he’s right and leaves. House turns and sees
Jim leave with his wife... after he's let his foot infection spread so he had to have his lower leg amputated, allowing him to stay with his wife.
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Season 6
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Season Episode: 13

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Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase)
Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Michael Weston (Lucas Douglas), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Tracy Vilar (Nurse Regina), Maurice Godin (Dr. Hourani), Patrick St. Esprit (Keith Tannenbaum), Celia Finkelstein (Gail), Mark D. Espinoza (Stan), J.D. Jackson (Ronald Westbrook), John Lacy (Dr. Dave Thomas), Ron Perkins (Dr. Simpson), Nigel Gibbs (Sanford Wells), Anthony Tyler Quinn (Eli Morgan), Jeremy Howard (Oscar), Kim Estes (Hall), Liz Benoit (Nurse Anne), Rajni Kareer (Claudia), Mary Mackey (II) (Board Member), Bernardo Verdugo (Martin), Tara Rice (Masseuse), Kathleen Antonia (Marina Alexander), Frank Rutolo (Business Executive)
Production Code: HOU-614
Summary: It’s a day in the life of Cuddy when she has to deal with her personal and professional life, insurance contract negotiations, a thieving pharmaceutical technician, an ailing daughter, and House and his team.

It’s 5 a.m. in the morning, and Cuddy gets up, exercises, and takes care of Rachel. She then showers and dresses for work as the sitter arrives. Lucas comes in and Cuddy says that Rachel isn’t feeling well and she’s running late. He suggests that she stay for ten more minutes for sex, despite the fact she has a proposal to present in less than an hour. As they go to bed, House calls but she ignores it. The experience is less than satisfying for Cuddy by the time Lucas finishes, and she looks at herself in the mirror and tells herself she can do it.

Cuddy arrives at work, and Nurse Regina greets her. House is waiting for Cuddy and tries to discuss his current case. When she refuses, he explains that he was on a stakeout with Lucas, and they bet whether House could interrupt them in the middle of sex. Cuddy refuses to confirm or deny and leaves to deal with a pharmacy emergency. It turns out a supplier sent double the number of meds they sent, and Oscar the pharmacy tech can’t find the P.O. She tells Oscar to refer it to Gail, who is out sick. As she goes, she wonders if it was Vicodin but confirms it’s Ephedrine. She tells Oscar to get Gail in as soon as possible.

As Cuddy goes to meet with her 8:30 appointment, Dr. Hourani calls in with another emergency: House has lowered the temperature in the operating theater to force him out. Cuddy arrives at her office and finds the Atlanticnet representative, Eli Morgan, and she looks at herself in the mirror and tells herself she can do it.
waiting for her. She asks if he’s ready to give ground and refuses to come back to the negotiation table. Cuddy gives him an offer of a 12% increase and Eli refuses. As he goes, Cuddy warns that they’re going to terminate the contract. Eli warns that she’s bluffing, but Cuddy tells her that he has until 3 p.m. when she’s going to make the announcement public.

As Cuddy leaves for her board meeting, House is waiting for her outside. She wonders what he’s heard and House explains that he figures either she or Eli made an ultimatum. He hopes that she wasn’t bluffing and Cuddy insists that she is. As they head for the elevator, Taub and Thirteen arrive with word on their patient, Mr. Pluta, who is having heart problems and hallucinations. Cuddy refuses to let House infect Pluta with malaria. He starts discussing the case as Cuddy gets away.

As Cuddy arrives at her board meeting, Chief of Surgeon Dr. Dave Thomas is waiting for her and tells her that she can’t keep catering to House. He wants Chase back and threatens to quit if she doesn’t do her job. Cuddy then talks to the board, and they want to know why they don’t have a deal. She explains what she did and that she plans to terminate the contract. One of the members, Sanford, warns they’ll lose 80% of their patients but Cuddy insists the insurance company will give in. He says that they can’t stop her, but if the negotiations don’t work out, she’s fired.

In the elevator, alone, Cuddy briefly loses her composure and then heads to the clinic. House hasn’t shown up so Cuddy takes on a patient, Hall, who insists he has cancer. He insists he needs human breast mark, which has cancer-fighting qualities. If he can get Cuddy to prescribe it, the insurance company will reimburse him. When she refuses, Hall wonders if she’s shilling for the insurance company and points out that it can’t hurt him. He begs her to help but she refuses.

Cuddy is still scrambling to fill things in and Nurse Regina warns that there’s a lawyer, Ronald Westbrook, in her office. He informs her that he’s representing Martin Acevedo, who is suing Chase. Chase reattached Martin’s thumb after he cut it off from a table saw, but the client doesn’t want it attached. Chase explains that he couldn’t just let the man toss it away, so he reattached the thumb without his permission. Cuddy tells him the insurance company is suing so they don’t have to pay the $80,000 bill.

Next, Cuddy meets with Gail, who admits that she’s was purchasing drugs through the hospital to get weight-loss pills so she wouldn’t lose her husband. She begs Cuddy to give her a second chance, and Cuddy agrees not to report the theft. However, she has to fire her despite her perfect record for the last seven years.

Cuddy goes to the cafeteria for lunch, and Wilson tries to reassure her. He doesn’t think the board will fire her... until he hears what she did. Cuddy keeps leaving messages for her sitter, and admits that Lucas is avoiding her because he’s figured she knows about his bet with House. She asks Wilson what he should do, and Wilson suggests that she should ask House, the master manipulator. She figures it’s complicated enough already and goes to her office. House is in her chair, using her computer to browse porn. He needs her signature to treat his patient with malaria, and she realizes that he has a bet to see if he can use malaria as a diagnostic tool. House points out that she’s taking a much bigger gamble against the insurance company and leaves.

Lucas arrives with lunch for Cuddy, and she tells him that she knows about the bet. He vows not to do it, and Cuddy demands to know if Rachel is okay. Lucas tells her that the fever has broken and she has a little bit of diaper rash. He tells her to relax but she doesn’t. Cuddy dials Marina again and Lucas realizes he grabbed Marina’s phone. He also turned off the ringer at home so he could sleep. Lucas offers to find some dirt on Eli and Cuddy gets an idea.

Cuddy goes to a restaurant and finds the CEO of the insurance company, Keith Tannenbaum. She makes his case to him and points out that their profits could fund the hospital for two years. Cuddy warns him that she’ll portray him as a rich bastard in the press to put pressure on him, but Tannenbaum is fine with that as long as he’s rich.

As Cuddy tries to slip out, Stan, the head of Pharmacology, tells her that ten cases of drugs, $50,000, are missing. She figures Gail is supplying a meth lab and tells Stan to get Gail back in there. Cuddy returns to her office and finds Eli with a new proposal: 8%, up from 4%. Cuddy insists on 12% and Eli warns she’s not going to get it.

Cuddy goes to the stairwell for a few minutes to pace nervously. When she comes out, House is waiting for her and tells her that he needs a transplant surgeon. He wants her to get Hourani
to perform the operation. She finally breaks down and asks him what he would do. House tells her to stick to the numbers and not worry about what’s fair or unfair. She notes he'd risk his job over it, but he points out he's the kind of guy who infects a patient with malaria to win a bet.

It’s 3 o’clock and Cuddy goes to the press conference. Everyone is gathered, including House’s staff, and she tells them that they'll no longer be accepting patients with Atlanticnet health insurance. The staff breaks into an uproar and demand answers.

Back in her office, Cuddy waits for Marina to call back. Foreman arrives and tells her that House and Thomas are butting heads over having Chase doing the surgery. Only Cuddy can make the final decision. She goes to see House and discovers that he’s with a masseuse. Cuddy tells him to get his department under control, but he warns that she has bigger problems and the insurance company isn’t going to fold.

Cuddy calls a meeting with Ronald and his client, and Cuddy points out that she still has a thumb. She notes that the insurance won’t pay the hospital because of the suit, but she’ll cover half of Martin’s deductible and help him to refile. When Ronald objects, Cuddy notes that it costs the hospital much more to do the operation. Ronald prepares to walk, and Martin admits that he can’t afford to pay. Cuddy reminds him that he has a thumb, and gets a page. She discovers Thomas, Foreman, Hourani, Thomas, and Chase fighting outside the operating theater while House looks on.

After she breaks up the fight, Gail arrives and Cuddy goes to see her. When she says she’s calling the DEA, Gail threatens to lie and accuse House and Cuddy of being in on it while having an affair. Cuddy has had enough, says she’s quitting, and goes to her car in the parking garage. House finds her and gets in. She admits that House owes Lucas the money on the bet, and he tells her that Hall came to him and he wrote the prescription. House tells her that she’s not going to quit because she’s too stupid. Cuddy then asks him about Gail, and he admits that he always figured her for a psychopath.

Cuddy gets an idea and asks Gail in, and says she'll do what she can. When she insists that Gail is a good person at heart, Gail says that she started stealing six months after she arrived, and Cuddy is an idiot for not realizing it. She promises to take Cuddy down with her and leaves. After she leaves, Cuddy reveals to Regina that she secretly taped the conversation, and then goes to hand in her resignation. As she goes, Marina finally calls and assures her that Rachel is fine. As she runs for the elevator, Eli comes to her and admits he’s surprised that she did it. He tells her that she got her 12% and congratulates her. Cuddy cheers as everyone looks on.

The board and the staff congratulate Cuddy as she gives them the news. House just smiles. As she returns to her office, she discovers that Martin accepted her deal and left her a check for the first installment of the $16,000. She rips it up.

Cuddy goes home and lies in bed with Lucas and Rachel. And House calls again.
Private Lives

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Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase)
Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Laura Prepon (Frankie), Adam Rothenberg (Taylor), Christina Vidal (Sandy), Gonzalo Menendez (Stuart), Elena Evangelo (Belinda), Dava Krause (Cashier), Catherine Kresge (Joan), Linda DeMetrick (Hostess), David Loren (Stag-Man), Jennifer Kristin Cox (Moon Woman), Tracy Esposito (Leanne), Anise Fuller (Melodie), Tonya Kay (Chloe), Annie Weirich (Dionne), Alexandra Cramer (Grace), Lindsay Halladay (Nicole), Tina Sanchez (Elizabeth), Pamela Rooney (Mary)
Production Code: HOU-615
Summary: The team tries to diagnose a famous blogger but discover that her insistence on communicating on the Internet about her case interferes with their ability to cure her. Meanwhile, House and Wilson each discover secrets about each other, and Chase is convinced to go on a date.

Blogger Frankie is at her computer typing for the world and discussing an argument with her boyfriend Taylor. As she types, she eats food on her new vegetarian diet. Taylor comes out to ask if she’s coming to bed, and discovers that she blogged their argument. He isn’t happy that she is sharing his life with strangers. Someone pounds on the door and Taylor goes to talk to a neighbor, Stuart, who is complaining about them fighting. As Frankie comes up, Taylor realizes that she has bruises on her face. Stuart thinks they had a fight and starts to call the police, and Frankie’s gums begin to bleed.

Come the morning, Wilson wonders what House has been doing with himself. House admits he’s been watching porn and Wilson invites him to come with him when he speed-dates that night. House isn’t interested, until Wilson notes that he has a chance to meet women.

At work, the team brings Frankie’s case to House and discuss privacy as well as the bruising, indicative of coagulopathy. They suspect toxins and House sends Taub and Thirteen to check out Frankie’s apartment. As they search the place, Thirteen is surprised that Taub is anti-privacy. The neighbor, Stuart, comes over after he hears them. Taub would rather try and get out, but Thirteen says that they are Frankie’s doctors. Stuart notes that he put out rat poison and Frankie keeps picking it up so the rats don’t suffer.

House arrives at the bar for speed-dating and discovers that Wilson has invited Chase. Chase insists it’s not about looks, so House bets that he’ll still end up with a woman even if he pretends to be slow and unemployed. The speed-dating begins and Wilson ends up discussing cancer.
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House is his usual self, and Chase can’t keep the women away. House actually finds a woman who seems interesting: a police detective. She likes puzzles and despises idiots, but he realizes that she’s lying and moves on to the next woman. Afterward, Chase gets the most women interested in him and House collects on his bet.

At the hospital, Taub and Foreman go to see Frankie and discover that she’s blogging, and that she has a fan in the room reading Frankie’s blog on her own laptop. Frankie insists she washed her hands but the doctors discover a new symptom when she goes to the bathroom: her urine has turned a dull brown, meaning it isn’t rat poison.

The team goes into differential to consider the fact Frankie’s kidneys are acting up. House notices Wilson walking by and asks where his porn DVDs are. Wilson insists that he returned them to the store, and House wonders why. His friend says he wanted the apartment to be porn-free in case he brought a woman home. House then returns to the team and orders saline and mannitol treatment for Haff Disease.

That night, Wilson comes to see House, who is watching his laptop, and suggests that he read Frankie’s blog. House isn’t interested, and Wilson notes that Frankie blogged about House. House brings up the porn DVDs and notes that he checked at the store and Wilson only returned two of the. Wilson tries to explain but House isn’t interested and points out that he’s watching the DVD on the laptop. Wilson has no choice but to explain that he was in the video because his roommate convinced him to participate. His friend added new porn scenes to get it released and the man who takes over later isn’t Wilson. Wilson insists that no one can know about it and House promises not to say anything. As he leaves, Thirteen admits she heard about it.

Chase is going over Frankie’s blog when Thirteen comes in. She notes that one of Frankie’s readers offered to donate a kidney. Chase asks Thirteen for an objective answer about whether he’s a good-looking man. He realizes that everything is physical, and then realizes that Frankie’s condition may have to do with her lack of arousal that she mentions in her blog. He takes Frankie to test for Sjogren’s and they discuss relationships, and Frankie wonders how honest he was with Cameron. He asks her to lie on her back but she says that she can’t due to the pain.

Later, Chase goes to tell the team that Frankie has heart valve issues brought on by Sjogren’s and he’s ordered surgery. The x-rays confirm his diagnosis and even House is impressed. They explain the treatment to Frankie and note she has to choose between a pig valve or a plastic valve. The plastic valve could cause birth defects because of the anticoagulants required, while the pig valve will wear out in ten years and she’ll need surgery again. They leave Frankie and Taylor to discuss it, and she wants to ask her blog readers. Taylor warns against it, saying they’ll influence her against the pig valve because they’re pro-animal rights. She insists on doing it in the interests of total honesty.

Wilson enters his office and discovers posters from the porn video in his office. He quickly discovers that everyone in the hospital knows about his role. Wilson goes to Chase and asks for his help finding some dark secret from House’s past. Chase points out how unlikely that is, but then notes that House is supposedly reading The Golden Bowl, but it’s too small and he’s not using his reading glasses. They figure it’s something House is ashamed of to have.

After hearing from her readers, Frankie says she’s going with the plastic valve. Taylor points out that she once told him that she didn’t want to be alone, but now she’s too worried about getting hits and providing entertainment for her readers. He warns her that if she continues, he won’t be there for her.

Chase and Wilson search House’s office and soon discover a book containing sermons. Wilson wonders why he would hide it, and tells Chase not to mention it to anyone.

As Frankie goes into surgery, she asks Taylor if he’ll be there when she wakes up. She hates that she doesn’t know what he’s thinking without a blog, and Taylor says that they need to get her through surgery. She suddenly has chest pains and vomits. Afterward, they tell her that her appendix burst, and it contained cells consistent with lymphoma. They’ve postponed the heart surgery, but the lymphoma will soon kill her. Cuddy has approved an experimental procedure to create a targeted lymphoma vaccine, and the team warns that without it, Frankie has a year at most. Taylor offers to stand behind her and Frankie immediately gives her approval. As they leave, Chase wonders if Frankie is in denial and suggests it might be a symptom. He then approaches a nurse, Sandy, and asks if he can borrow her car.

Later, as they prepare the vaccine, Chase tells Thirteen that Sandy just loaned him her car without questions, and that he’s been getting by on his looks. Thirteen tries to reassure him and
suggests that it’s better to take people as they come.

House comes home and Wilson confronts him with the book. When House tries to lie about it, Wilson doesn’t believe him and wonders if he’s looking for irrational answers. House insists that he’s all right but Wilson wonders if he’s back on Vicodin. His friend denies it and simply takes the book back, while Wilson wonders what it means.

When House comes to work the next day, he discovers that Wilson has given everyone copies of the book and told them that House is reading it. Chase tells them that Thirteen is giving Frankie her third treatment, and that he got copies of the book by contacting the author. House seems worried that the author might have mentioned him. Frankie has a reaction to the vaccine while she was sleeping, and the team report to Cuddy. House finds it curious that Frankie was sleeping during the day, and checks the time stamps on her blogs. Until recently, she was only posting during the day. Now she’s suffering from day-night reversal, which indicates liver disease, and he tells them to biopsy her liver.

After tests, the team explains to Frankie that she doesn’t have lymphoma, which is why the vaccine hurt her. They don’t know the nature of the cells that were in her appendix. However, she’s dying more quickly than they thought, and only has three or four days. Frankie snaps at them and they realize she’s moved past denial.

Back in differential, the team concludes that Frankie has an infection but there’s nothing to account for it. House figures there’s something Frankie isn’t saying, but Chase points out that she’s told everyone everything. The best House can do is order treatment for broad-spectrum antibiotics. He then reads over Frankie’s blogs and thinks about the case. Wilson comes in and explains that he finally realized that the author is House’s biological father. House claims he was only mildly curious but Wilson doesn’t believe it. When he talks about crap, House gets an idea and goes to see Frankie for the first time. He asks if she’s had a hard or soft bowel movement. She’s reluctant to discuss it and House realizes that she never said anything about her bowel movements on her blogs. She has Whipple’s Disease, which caused malabsorption, and the cells built up in her appendix. Now they can cure her, although she’ll still need a heart valve and medication for a few years. Once they leave, Frankie decides to go with the pig valve so they can have children. In response, Taylor gives her the laptop and invites her to blog.

As they prepare to leave, Chase wonders if it’s better to make contact with people in person or over the Internet. Thirteen wonders why he’s so hung up on looks, and finally figures that he’s worried that he didn’t feel anything real for Cameron. She tells him that he’s paranoid... and refuses to loan him his car.

Wilson confronts House and wonders why he chose to read his biological father’s book instead of going to see him. He figures that House has been alone his whole life, and hoped that he could recognize a kindred spirit. When House doesn’t respond, Wilson asks if he found anything. House says that underneath the God stuff, all he found was more God stuff. They walk out beneath a giant poster of Wilson’s porn movie that House has hung up in the lobby.
Black Hole

Season 6
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Season Episode: 15

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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Jennifer Crystal Foley (Rachel Taub), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Cali Frederichs (Abby Nash), Nick Eversman (Nick), Dennis Bout-sikaris (Artie), Sunil Malhotra (Mr. Damon), Michelle Duffy (June), Callie Thompson (Young Abby), Molly Kasch (Jeanine), Floriana Lima (Gabriella), Danna Brady (Maya)
Production Code: HOU-616
Summary: House and team tries to diagnose a high school senior suffering from blackouts and hallucinations, and are forced to take a controversial approach. Meanwhile, Wilson attempts to furnish his new condo, and Taub brings his personal life into the workplace.

At a high school field trip to a planetarium, Abby and her boyfriend Nick discuss how they're going to going to separate parts of the country, and share a hidden drink of booze. When their teacher, Mr. Damon, observes them, Abby claims that she's drinking water for her cough. Damon then quizzes Nick on the evolution of life. Bored, Nick turns to Abby and discovers that she's passed out and bloody froth is oozing from her mouth.

House is at home at the condo eating breakfast and Wilson asks him to clean up after himself and use a table. When he refuses, Wilson tells him to buy a table and House realizes that Wilson is afraid to reveal his internal feelings and buy some furniture. He dares Wilson to do it and Wilson considers it before leaving.

The team goes over Abby’s tests as House arrives and notes that the bleeding was caused by a pulmonary edema, but there’s no sign of trauma. He’s already figured out that Cuddy made them take the case, and wonders where Taub is. Chase claims that he had a flat tire and is waiting for a tow truck. House believes that Abby is a heavy drinker and tells them to call Taub and get him there while running tests.

At home, Taub and his wife Rachel are arguing over the fact that she wants them to do more stuff together. She finally tells him to go to work and insists everything is fine, and stalks off. As Taub arrives at the hospital, Nick and his father Artie corner him. Nick insists that Abby doesn’t drink but Artie isn’t convinced by his son’s assertions. He asks Taub to tell Abby that he loves her.

Taub arrives at the MRI where Chase is running the test. After passing on Nick’s message, Chase notes that House doesn’t believe Taub’s story, and Taub complains that Rachel wants him to do yoga with him. He asks Chase for marriage advice, and Chase points out that’s not a good idea. They spot a mysterious spot on the mitral valve and take it to the others. They’re not
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sure what it is, and House is interested in Taub lying about the fight with his wife. He orders Thirteen and Taub to test Abby with a transesophageal echo, and Thirteen wonders why Taub is lying. She figures that Rachel thinks he’s cheating on her, but Taub doesn’t know how to prove otherwise. As they run a scope to her heart, she goes into convulsions as her heart ruptures. They get her to the OR, cut her open, and manage to stimulate the heart into beating.

Back in differential, Taub suggests a genetic defect and Thirteen wonders if it’s an allergy. Chase points out that Abby should be getting better, and Thirteen wonders if it’s something in her. They ask Nick for a sperm sample, but he insists that he uses a condom at first. Nick finally admits they had unprotected sex the night before Abby collapsed. As Chase tests Abby, Abby’s mother Michelle is relatively understanding. Abby suddenly has stomach pains and shows blood in her urine, indicating kidney failure.

The team goes back over the case with the new symptom. Chase suggests cancer and Foreman suggests that they do a full-body scan. House reluctantly agrees and Taub discusses faithfulness with Foreman. The best Foreman can do is suggests that Taub takes his wife with him wherever he go. Taub insists he wants his wife to be happy.

House returns home to discover Wilson has furnished the entire condo, and appears impressed.

Inside the scanning chamber, Abby hallucinates an earthquake and then watches as the entire room is sucked into a black hole. She tries to hold on to but is pulled out and plummets downward.

Foreman and Taub check on Abby and discover that she’s hallucinating. The team reviews the new symptom while House notices Taub messaging his wife. At the grocery store, Rachel gets a series of increasingly dirty messages from Taub. She’s amused, but is unaware that House has grabbed the phone from Taub and added the last message. House notes that it doesn’t prove Taub is faithful to his wife. The rest of the team tries to analyze Abby’s hallucination and House suggests they use a cognitive recognition pattern program. Foreman is skeptical and House tells them to do a MRA first and then they’ll go with the CRP program after that turns up negative. Taub gets up and walks out past House.

Wilson comes home and discovers all of the furniture is gone. He goes to see House at the hospital cafeteria and demands to know where the furniture is. House says that he returned it because he rented it without knowing what it meant. He dares Wilson to buy one piece of furniture that he likes.

Abby wakes up to find Nick at her bedside. She asks him to stay and he kisses her. Taub and Foreman arrive outside and witness the exchange. Abby starts to hallucinate again, and finds herself alone in her room with her younger self, who says they have a secret. In reality, Nick proposes to Abby, but she’s busy listening to her younger self telling her to tell Nick their secret because it’s killing her. Young Abby tells her that she deserves to die as Abby goes into convulsions.

The MRA proves negative and House is ready to analyze her out-of-body experience. It’ll take time to get the CRP equipment and Foreman in particular is against it, but House notes it’s the only shot they have. As the others go to get the equipment, Taub stops to see Rachel as she arrives at the hospital and leads her away.

Foreman explains the procedure to Abby, her mother, and Nick and his father. It will generate a video of what is going on in her head, and they can analyze it to determine what her subconscious believes is wrong with her. Everyone is worried but Foreman warns that they’ve got nothing else.

Taub and Rachel make out in their car, but she briefly wonders where he got the idea and if he’s done it with someone else. As they talk, House knocks on the window and tells Taub to get inside.

Abby undergoes the procedure and tries to formulate an image. She’s able to generate an image of Nick playing baseball, but Foreman is unimpressed and notes they need to get a rational manifestation of a subconscious image.

Wilson is trying to buy furniture and tries to get help from the clerk, who isn’t particularly helpful. He’s unable to choose anything and finally another clerk, Gabriella, comes over to help. She’s impressed with his daring, and so is he until he realizes he’s looking at patio furniture.

The team continues to monitor Abby’s subconscious and watch as images of the sky and moon appear. Someone appears: her father, who died of a plane crash when Abby was eight.
Even House is unable to make anything of it. Thirteen suggests liver issues but it can’t account for aorta dissection. Foreman gets an idea and suggests the pineal gland is obscuring a tumor. House orders tests to confirm.

Wilson goes to see Cuddy about his issues with buying furniture. She points out that it’s more telling that House is telling Wilson how to buy furniture, and directs him to an interior decorator.

Foreman reports to House that there are elevated isoenzyme levels but no sign of a tumor. The enzyme levels suggest an allergy, like one caused by a Middle Eastern parasite, but there’s no other sign of an allergy. House admits that they have nothing and the only way they’ll diagnose Abby is with an autopsy. He goes over all of the scans and Taub comes in to tell him he’s leaving for the night. House asks if he’s having an affair. Taub says he doesn’t, and doesn’t want to have an affair, and House wonders if Taub stopped because of the age difference. Then he gets an idea and realizes that Artie is the father in Abby’s hallucinations.

House goes to see Artie and asks where he’s been. When Artie confirms that he’s traveled to the Mediterranean, House says that he infected her with a parasite. Her body’s defenses killed the parasite, but the shell set off an allergic reaction that can be cured. However, House notes that it’s spread by sexual fluids, and he can only treat it if it’s confirmed. Artie has to admit that he slept with Abby so House can treat her. Artie admits that after Abby and Nick broke up, he ended up with Abby. Nick walks away, angry.

House returns home and finds the apartment, furnished. He realizes that Wilson used a decorator and accuses him of wussing out. Wilson says that’s who he is, someone who hires a decorator. However, House notices one covered item and reveals it: a Wurlitzer organ. He sits down to play and admits he likes what it says about Wilson.

Chase and Taub treat Abby.

Artie tries to talk to Nick about what happened. Nick walks away.

Taub looks over his wedding pictures and Rachel sits down next to him. He then kneels down and asks her to marry him again, so he can do it better the second time. Rachel accepts and they kiss.

As Nick goes to see Abby, Taub and House watch. The two teenagers reconcile and House realizes that Rachel said yes to him. He congratulates Taub, who walks away... talking with an attractive nurse.
Lockdown

Season 6
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Season Episode: 16

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Director: Hugh Laurie
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase)
Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: David Strathairn (Nash), Neill Barry (Donald Lozinski), Riki Lindhome (Sarah Lozinski), Vernee Watson-Johnson (Nurse Smits), Shelly Cole (Nurse Adrienne Maldonado), Riley Thomas Stewart (Walker), Dava Krause (Daria), Al Foster (Davies), Tom Billett (Security Guard #1)
Production Code: HOU-617
Summary: Princeton Plainsboro goes on lockdown after a newborn disappears from the nursery. House is trapped with an inquisitive patient, Foreman and Taub are sealed in the records room, Wilson and Thirteen play Truth or Dare, and Chase is locked in with a familiar face.

A newborn is delivered into the world and the parents discuss what to name her. Her parents Donald and Sarah and their son Walker visit later and Donald goes to get something to eat. Meanwhile, Chase is paged to the front desk and finds Cameron waiting for him. She asks if they can talk.

Donald returns and finds his son and wife asleep. He looks for the baby and discovers that she’s gone. They notify security, who confirms that no one has left the hospital. Cuddy meets with Donald and determines that the proximity alarm on the baby’s bracelet didn’t go off, meaning the baby is still in the hospital. She puts the hospital under lockdown.

Cameron wants to know why Chase won’t sign the divorce papers. He wants to talk but Cameron leaves the papers and storms out... only to discover that she’s been locked in the area.

Wilson and Thirteen are locked up in the cafeteria, while Taub and Foreman are caught in the records room. House is forced to leave the hallway and enters a patient’s room. Meanwhile, Cuddy tries to calm down Sarah, and Donald wonders why the police aren’t talking to their nurse, Smits.

Thirteen and Wilson try to find a way to kill time and end up playing Truth or Dare.

Cuddy talks to Smits, who notes that Walker pinched the baby when he held her.

Foreman finds Taub looking through the records, and Taub explains that he’s found the staff credential files. They can look up anything on anyone, and Foreman is initially reluctant. However, he agrees that they can look at House’s records.

House tries to find something on the television and notices that the room’s patient, Nash, is on morphine. He starts diagnosing why his heart disease is preventing the morphine from working, and Nash admits that he has a day or two left at most. Nash knows who House is and explains
that he sent a letter to House asking him to take his case. House refused to take something as mundane as heart disease, and Nash wonders if it bothers him. House isn’t concerned.

Wilson and Thirteen continue and he asks if she’s had a threesome. He’s surprised to learn that she hasn’t. Meanwhile, the police patrol the hallways and Sarah insists to Cuddy that Walker wouldn’t have done anything with the baby. Cuddy points out that Walker is her stepson, and Sarah admits that Walker has been fighting recently, hitting hard enough to draw blood.

Chase and Cameron talk, and Chase stands by his decision to murder the dictator. She wonders what is going to happen and points out she isn’t going to reason her into coming back.

Taub and Foreman go over House’s files and discover that he’s faked all of his files by claiming Cuddy was his patient every time. Foreman has some Vicodin and suggests that they take some so they can really get into House’s head.

House notes that Nash doesn’t have any cards or flowers, and Nash explains that he is a professor with few friends. When House suggests that he disable the morphine regulator and let him drift off quietly, Nash isn’t interested.

Thirteen and Wilson discuss how her father reacted to her coming out, and she notes that he didn’t react. She asks him if he’s dating and he dodges the question, but then she refuses to answer his question about Foreman. Wilson then dares her to show her breasts to Taub and she agrees to do it... eventually.

Cuddy talks to Walker, who admits that he hates Brooke. However, he insists that he didn’t do anything with the baby.

Nash offers House his morphine, and House admits that he’s just been taking ibuprofen. When he admits he doesn’t want to test for the source of the pain, Nash figures that it’s a woman. House realizes he’s projecting and asks who the woman in Nash’s life is, and Nash refuses to answer at first. Instead he asks what time it is and House figures he’s waiting for someone so he won’t take the morphine.

Foreman and Taub relax a little too much under the influence of the drugs and start fighting. Taub notices Foreman’s credential file and realizes that’s why Foreman came down there. Foreman chases after him to get it back.

Cameron agrees to answer Chase’s questions in return for his signing the papers. He asks if she ever loved him and points out that she was on drugs the first time they had sex. Cameron insists that she did but Chase notes all the times that she got cold feet, and that he couldn’t stand up to the memory of her dead husband. She finally admits that she doesn’t know if she loved him, and he thanks her for her honesty.

Thirteen returns to Wilson’s future dating and she notes he doesn’t want to talk about this love life. When he refuses, she dares him to steal a dollar from the cash register.

Taub discovers that Foreman was on academic probation for faking a lab result, and figures Foreman came down there to destroy the record before it got digitized. Foreman admits that he figured he had to beat the rich kids, and Taub points out that he didn’t have to do it. He wonders why Foreman felt he had to destroy the records 12 years later, and figures Foreman doesn’t believe he belongs at Princeton. Foreman finds Taub’s files and the chase starts again.

House talks about Nash’s lost love and how pathetic it is, and Nash finally admits that it’s his daughter, Gracie. He explains that he left his family when she was six when he had an affair with a student, and never loved his wife. Gracie, a dance teacher in Atlanta, will get home at 9 and he plans to call her when she gets home. Nash asks House what his secret is, and House explains that they’re all better off alone.

Wilson approaches the cashier, Daria, and tries to get her to fix a sandwich. He claims that Thirteen needs it but Daria wonders why cold chicken salad won’t suffice. Wilson eventually convinces her to go to the kitchen and he takes the money from the cash register but sets off an alarm as everyone looks up. He puts the dollar back.

Cameron wonders why Chase is taking the news so well, and he explains that if she never loved him then he didn’t ruin their marriage. He tries to comfort her and Cameron says that she did love him, but not in a way that would ever have worked. When Chase asks why, she admits that everything he said is true and she’s an emotional mess that can’t be fixed. They both admit that they’re sorry. Chase then takes the divorce papers and signs them.

Thirteen and Wilson return to their game and Thirteen admits that she never told her father about being bisexual or having Huntington’s. Wilson doesn’t think she should suppress her life
for her father's convenience, and Thirteen notes that he's doing the same thing with House. Wilson admits that he's considering dating Sam Carr, his first ex-wife. Thirteen figures that he's not ducking her because of House, but because he's worried about himself and things turning serious.

Cameron and Chase discuss their marriage and she admits she's going to miss dancing. Chase turns on his MP3 player and they dance.

Foreman reads Taub's file and can't find anything wrong. When he wonders why Taub acts like he's ashamed, Taub notes that he's just a fellow, working for people years younger than him. He points out that Foreman's life has been trending up.

Cuddy checks on Sarah, who asks if she has kids. When Cuddy says she had a daughter, Sarah explains that she adopted Walker after she married Donald, and worries that she can never love him the same way. When Cuddy goes to get her some tissue, Cuddy notices extra towels on the rack. She tells Smits to see who delivered the extra towels. She then notices another nurse, Adrienne Maldonado, who is standing shocked in the hall. Cuddy takes her arm and determines that she's having a pilomotor seizure. She realizes that Adrienne has been working on autopilot, and may have inadvertently taken the baby.

Cameron notes that they never had a proper goodbye and kisses Chase on the cheek. He kisses her back and things grow more heated for a moment. She then goes to the door and locks it.

At 9 o'clock, House hands Nash the phone and he calls Gracie. The professor gets her answering machine and he hangs up. House realizes that he waited until he knew Gracie would be out. Nash admits that he just calls to hear her voice, and he has no right to need her when he was never there for her. House redials the number and tells Nash to say what he has to say. Nash tells her that he loves her and then hangs up.

Cuddy finds the baby in Adrienne's cart and returns her to her mother.

Cameron and Chase hear that the lockdown is over and reluctantly leave.

Wilson tells Thirteen that he called to make a date with Sam. He realizes that Thirteen lied about her father to get him to call Sam.

Taub asks if Foreman wants his file, and Foreman says he doesn't. They agree not to tell anyone what happened and Foreman leaves for the night. Once he's gone, Taub shreds his file.

Nash asks House to turn off the morphine regulator and House does so. He apologizes for not taking Nash's case and Nash drifts off.

As Taub leaves with Thirteen, she flashes her breasts at him.
**Knight Fall**

Season 6  
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Director: Juan J. Campanella  
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Recurring Role: Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Michael Weston (Lucas Douglas), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)  
Guest Stars: Cynthia Watros (Sam Carr), Noah Segan (William), Sarah Jones (II) (Shannon), Wesley A. Ramsey (Miles), Carey Embry (Sarah), Ryan Radis (Apothecary), Keith Blaney (Medieval Man)  
Production Code: HOU-618  
Summary: Sir William, who dwells in a isolated community of people living in a medieval style, is stricken ill and the team must check the village for environmental factors. Thirteen is intrigued by the patient's archaic standards of honor. Meanwhile, Wilson tries to reconcile with one of his ex-wives.

At a medieval reenactment community, modern-day people live life like centuries before. Knights gather on the jousting field as King Miles informs them that the queen will choose their champion from those who will battle for her honor and a title. They must defeat the captain of his guard, Sir Horace the Black. The queen walks among them and asks if Sir William will fight for her honor, and he vows to fight to the death for her. She chooses Sir William, and gives him advice on Horace's weakness while Miles looks on suspiciously. He questions her choice but she insists, and the fight begins. Horace disarms William and knocks him to the ground, but he returns to his feet, recovers his sword, and finally drops Horace. The captain of the guards collapses and the crowd cheers William on. As the queen approaches her chosen knight, William staggers and clutches at his helmet, the whites of his eyes filled with blood. Miles takes out a cell phone and calls an ambulance.

At their condo, House is taking Ibuprofen in the nude when Wilson's ex-wife Sam Carr comes in and says that Wilson was called off to work. She's initially surprised but soon recovers. At Princeton, the team is considering cases when they see House coming in with a sword. He informs them that they'll be taking William's case and explains that he's part of a troupe that reenact the medieval era. William has been camping out at the fairground for weeks. Foreman believes it's a concussion, but Chase notes that the ER wouldn't have informed House if it were that simple. House describes the bloody eyes and sends Taub and Chase to test for concussions while Foreman and Thirteen go to the fairground to take samples.

First, House stops off to ask Wilson about his new date. He soon realizes that Sam is Wilson's first wife, the "soulless harpy" he never met. Wilson insists he has everything under control and doesn't want House to interfere. House says he'll soon be back to say "I told you so."
Chase and Taub test for a hematoma and discuss William’s case. He hears them and insists that he’s not pretending. William explains that it’s a lifestyle and he and the others live by a code of loyalty and courage, and beat each other up for fun. He complains of nausea and starts vomiting, and they rush to get him out.

Foreman and Thirteen take environmental samples, and they can’t resist pointing out Foreman’s strange garb. Thirteen tells him to relax and play along, but Foreman would rather focus on the potential for food contamination. King Miles and Queen Shannon come over and ask how William is doing, and they ask to see William’s tent. Foreman notices a vomit-covered cow’s eye. Miles explains that it’s part of an eating ritual he makes the knights perform.

Back at the hospital, House dismisses their theory of food poisoning, noting no one else was sick. He tells them to run scratch tests for allergies and treat him with epinephrine in the meantime. As Foreman runs the test, Shannon visits William, interrupting the preparations for her wedding to Miles. William’s heart seizes up and they discover red blisters on his chest, suggesting an allergy to epinephrine. Thirteen suggests staphylococcus that was spread when Foreman treated William without gloves, and could potentially spread throughout the hospital. House then goes to see Cuddy to talk about Wilson. Cuddy already knows about it and House is surprised Wilson was able to keep it a secret so long. He wants to break them up before Sam turns harpy again, warning that Wilson was a wreck afterward. House figures that she’d had the most experience in dating losers, but Cuddy warns that if House forces Wilson to choose, he might not like the answer.

Thirteen checks on William, who asks Shannon to go get him some pop. Once she’s gone, William explains that he’s in love with Shannon but he doesn’t want to break up her relationship with her fiancé, Miles. He prefers to live like a knight as far as honor.

Taub and Chase go over William’s test results and confirm it’s not MRSA. Chase admits he’s impressed by William’s bravery. Taub disagrees, and Chase figures he thinks that way because he never won a fight. House arrives to inform them that the blisters are caused by poison ivy, and confirms it by revealing he got a poison ivy rash from handling William’s sword. William seizes and Chase manages to revive him using epinephrine, overriding Taub’s objections.

The seizure eliminates MRSA as a cause and they conclude there must be some other environmental toxin. House suspects trichinosis and orders treatment and a muscle biopsy to confirm. He then goes to see Wilson, who explains that Sam wants to know House better. Wilson reluctantly agreed because she thinks Wilson was hiding House from her. He was, but he doesn’t want Sam to know it. House agrees and Wilson notes that House is worried about him. However, he insists that he doesn’t want House’s help, and tells him to just come and be his usual selfish stuff.

Shannon comes to see William again, and he says that he doesn’t want Miles to see him. He’s fine with her seeing him, and Thirteen hastily explains that it’s a guy thing so Shannon won’t suspect William’s feelings. Once Shannon leaves, Thirteen suggests that she’s waiting for William to make the first move. She tells him to take what is his, but William says that Shannon isn’t his.

Wilson and Sam wait for House to arrive. They’re surprised to see House arrive with a transvestite prostitute, Sarah.

Thirteen and Foreman check the muscle biopsy and confirm that it’s not trichinosis. They wonder what they missed at the fairground, and Foreman suggests it’s a fungal infection. He figures that House is suffering from extra pain, making him extra crane, and they’ll have to go to extra lengths to prove it’s environmental.

House is upset that Sarah is bonding with Sam and Wilson.

William has sudden shooting pains in his legs. They check and discover that the legs are swelling with blood, indicating kidney failure. Taub suggests cancer and Foreman insists it’s not environmental. He irritably tells them to check William’s apartment, despite the fact William hasn’t been there in weeks. Chase and Thirteen do it while Foreman and Taub check William’s liver.

Cuddy talks to Wilson in the cafeteria and he describe what happened. When she doesn’t react, Wilson wonders if House said something to him but she denies it. He persists and tries to discuss his relationship, explaining that Sam is less competitive. Wilson asks Cuddy if he’s out of his mind, but she remains non-committal, saying he might as well give it a chance. He smiles and agrees.
Foreman and Taub confirm that William's liver is filled with what appear to be tumors. However, when they magnify them on the scanner, they realize that while they can't identify what it is, it's not cancer.

Thirteen and Chase check out William's apartment, which contains medieval model landscapes with miniature figures. They find a locked door and Chase tries to break it down without much success. Thirteen gets it open when she finds the key under the mat. Inside they find a sanctum dedicated to the black arts. They bring his books and potions back to the hospital, and confirm the potions aren't a poison. Taub suggests the black spots are blood lesions, but House notices that the figures from the model are lead and proposes lead poisoning as a diagnosis. The black spots are cysts, releasing the lead into William's bloodstream.

Wilson and Sam return to the condo but she'd rather stay in for sex rather than make the show. However, they hear House singing and discover that he's cooking. He explains that he made dinner for them and his team will handle William. Wilson figures that he's up to something but House insists that he's trying to be nice. He apologizes for bringing Sarah and seems sincere. They have dinner together and things seem to go well. Wilson needs to go the bathroom, but worries that it might be dangerous to leave them alone. Sam and House assure him they'll be fine. Once he leaves, House tells Sam she's a cold-hearted bitch that left Wilson damaged for years, and he doesn't plan to let her do it again. He admits he made dinner to get to know the enemy, and they agree to dislike each other as long as Wilson isn't around. Wilson returns and they go back to pretending to like each other.

The next morning, House returns to his office and the team tells him there's no sign of lead poisoning, and William's heart and BP are growing worse. House decides that they need to go to the fair, in appropriate dress, so they can find whatever is causing William's symptoms. He can't resist discussing Wilson's relationship with Sam, and Thirteen figures that he'll eventually be fine. House warns that Wilson is actually a nice guy, i.e., a sucker, and they have to watch out for him. House smells something from the apothecary shop and goes to investigate. The apothecary is an apprentice and doesn't know much about what's in the shop. House finds hemlock and confirms that the apprentice sold it to... King Miles. House realizes that they checked the environment, but not the people living in it.

Back at the hospital, House confronts Miles and accuses him of poisoning William. Miles denies it at first, and then claims that he bought it for the food challenge. When he wonders what his motive is, Thirteen points out that he has one reason. Shannon tells him to tell the truth, but Miles insists that he didn't do it. Tests confirm that William has hemlock poisoning, and House tells William that Miles poisoned him. William insists that Miles didn't perform him, and Taub notes that the treatment isn't working. Either William would be dead by now, or the treatment would work. Whatever he has, it isn't hemlock intoxication.

Lucas brings House a report on Sam. It shows that she has a typical life with nothing suspicious in her background. Lucas admits that he didn't read her psychiatrist's notes, even though he stole them. Sam comes in and asks to talk to House privately. Once Lucas leaves, Sam says that she understands why House suspects her. House isn't impressed, but Sam says that they need to work together to make Wilson happy. She'd like a chance to find out if she can make a new relationship with Wilson. House doesn't have an answer for her and she leaves. As she leaves, House contemplates William's sword and gets an idea.

House tells the team that the lesions are hepatitis lesions, which indicate infection on his heart that in turn indicate steroid abuse. The hemlock accelerated the steroid poisoning. They treat William and Thirteen goes to see him. She wonders why he compromised his ideals for a fight, but not for Shannon. William explains that the fight was a game, but his feelings were real. Thirteen tells him that Shannon takes it seriously, and advises him to tell her how he feels. William explains that Miles is a great guy and Shannon will have a great life with him. However, William can't offer her anything, and he'd rather she be happy. Thirteen notes that he's an idiot.

Later, House considers Sam's psychiatric files, starts to open them, and then throws them away. He then takes more Ibuprofen for the pain.
Open and Shut
Season 6
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Guest Stars: Cynthia Watros (Sam Carr), Sarah Wayne Callies (Julia), Rob Evors (Tom), Charlie Weber (Damien), Danna Brady (Maya), Erica Teeple (Evelyn)
Production Code: HOU-619
Summary: The team takes on the case of a woman living in an open marriage, who is stricken ill while dating her love. Meanwhile, House decides to determine if Sam is the woman for Wilson.

Damien and Julia are making out in a hotel when there’s a knock on the door. It’s the woman’s husband, Tom. She runs to the hotel door and Tom has the school papers for their daughter, Evelyn. He doesn’t seem surprised to see Damien and introduces himself. He leaves them to it and goes. However, once he leaves, Julia complains of stomach pains and collapses on the bed in pain as Damien goes after Tom.

As Sam and Wilson have breakfast at the condo, he suggests that she leave some clothing there. House comes in and acts politely toward her. However, once Sam leaves, House tries to undermine Sam again and warns that it’ll go bad again. He notes that Sam leaves the milk in the door of the refrigerator, which Wilson hates.

In differential, Thirteen tells House about Julia’s case, and tries to pique his interest by saying she’s in an open marriage. Taub doesn’t believe that a happy open marriage exists, and Chase would rather focus on the intestinal blockage. They speculate she got it from one of her partners, and Foreman suggests herpes. House agrees to a barium dye test and goes to administer it himself. He meets with Julia and Tom, who appear happy. Once Tom leave, Julia explains that Evelyn is six and knows all about their open relationship. House is skeptical but Julia insists that it works best for their relationship to be honest.

Taub is flirting with a nurse, Maya, when Thirteen comes by. He claims Maya is just a friend, but Thirteen doesn’t believe it and warns that it’s dangerous. Taub insists that nothing is going to happen. They get the x-ray, which shows no blockage, but House wants to keep testing. He tells Taub to stay overnight to administer all the tests and find out more about the couple’s open marriage.

At home, Wilson and Sam are doing dishes. He notices she put in a dish the wrong way, glowers briefly, and then goes on without saying anything.
Taub talks to Julia about her wedding, and she explains that after three years, they realized they were miserable. Julia’s heart starts racing and Taub calls in a crash cart. Once they revive her, Chase asks for a list of sexual partners from Tom, explaining that she probably has a parasitical infection and either one of them could have picked up something from a partner. However, Tom explains that he doesn’t have any other partners and he hasn’t been any further away than Nebraska. He has an open marriage to make Julia happy. When Chase tells House, House doesn’t believe that Tom cares about Julia’s feelings. Thirteen figures that House is trying to find a flaw because he believes in monogamy, but House denies it. Thirteen has confirmed that Julia has been with two men and both of them haven’t left the country. House concludes that Tom is lying about going to Nebraska.

As Chase and Thirteen go to check out the couple’s apartment, they discuss the open marriage and Thirteen explains that her father was having an affair even while he tended to his dying wife for two years. Chase finds receipts confirming Tom was in Nebraska, but Thirteen finds an imported luffa.

That night, Taub has dinner with his wife Rachel and explains what they found. When he brings up the couple’s open marriage, she points out he doesn’t usually talk about his patients, and asks if he wants an open marriage. Taub denies it but she doesn’t believe him and figure there’s someone else. Finally he explains that there is a woman at the hospital that he finds attractive, but insists nothing will ever happen. Rachel says that being married to him is enough for her, and wonders if he feels the same. Taub insists he feels the same, but then receives a call that Julia’s legs are paralyzed. Rachel wants him to stay and talk, but he goes to deal with it instead.

Tests show nothing that caused the paralysis, or any evidence of a parasitical infection. House notices that Taub scratched himself with a lousy razor that he got at work because he stayed there instead of going home. Taub admits that he proposed open marriage to Rachel, and because House pushed him to do it. House figures he was doing him a favor, whether it turned out good or bad. Chase and Foreman focus on the case and suggest that increased libido between the couple suggests adrenocortical carcinoma. House orders a MRI of Julia’s adrenal glands to confirm the theory.

At home, Sam continues to irritate Wilson with little things like throwing bananas in the garbage. She points out that she hates bananas and Wilson realizes that it must be House. However, when he talks about the milk, she isn’t convinced that it’s all House. Wilson tries to drop it, but she asks if he had a list of annoyances when they were married.

Tom brings Evelyn to see Julia. They’re interrupted when Damien comes in, and Tom tells him it isn’t a good time. Julia asks Thirteen to get Evelyn out, and Tom then orders Damien out. Evelyn agrees and Damien takes offense. He leaves, disappointed.

Wilson starts going over the list of his annoyance and he and Sam are soon fighting.

As they test Julia, Thirteen discusses Taub’s apparent genetic predisposition toward cheating, and suggests that his problem is denying it. Taub insists he’s going to keep trying with Rachel. Thirteen notices something on Julia’s lung.

Wilson and Sam continue to argue, and Sam accuses him of lack of emotions. He finally calls her a selfish bitch.

Thirteen tells House that they found a clot, but now they wonder what kind of clotting disorder it is. Cuddy arrives and tells House that Julia and Tom don’t have insurance because it lapsed due to non-payment. House goes to see Julia and Tom, and Tom admits that they’re behind on the premiums and he’s been using his retirement account to cover the expenses. Julia didn’t know about it, and Tom admits that he lost all of their savings.

Thirteen gives heparin for the clotting, but House wants to figure out how the new information accounts for the symptoms. Wilson comes in and tells House that Sam has broken off their relationship. House denies that he feels responsible, and says that he just wanted Wilson to stand up for himself. Wilson would be happy with Sam, and leaves when House asks him out to dinner.

As Thirteen tests Julia for clotting disorders, Julia says that she sent Tom home because he lied to her. She talks about how she inadvertently ended up with another woman’s husband without knowing he was married. She felt superior because she knew her marriage wasn’t like that.
Taub comes home and Rachel tells him that when he had his affair, it wasn't the sex. It was his lying about it. Rachel then tells him that he can have his affair as long as he keeps it to one night a week and he's home by midnight. Taub insists that he wants her, but Rachel notes that he wants more than her. She loves him and believes that he loves her, but he needs the thrill, so she's willing to accept him as he is.

All of the tests for clotting disorder come back negative. House sniffs at Taub, notices his cologne, and realizes that Rachel gave him permission to sleep with another woman. Thirteen and Foreman are shocked, House is intrigued, and Chase doesn't care. They're interrupted when they get a page: Julia is having stomach pains. The exam and ultrasounds show nothing, and the team wonders what caused a resurgence of the pains. Taub suggests that something caused the pain to stop during the x-ray... and the barium enema House gave her beforehand. They realize that her bowel has turned in on itself, cutting off blood flow, and they have to fix it before it turns necrotic. It indicates cancer, and they'll search her abdomen for tumors.

Cuddy comes into her House and discovers that he's in there and has bought her an espresso machine. House explains that he did something nice and karma works, so he's being nice to Cuddy in the hopes of either oral sex or Lucas dying.

As they operate on Julia, Chase suggests that Rachel might be going out to see someone. Taub doesn't believe it but insists he can handle it if she does. Afterward, they report to House that they discovered non-specific inflammation suggesting IBD, but doesn't account for her heart or kidney problems. House deduces that the IBD triggered ankylosing spondylitis, accounting for the heart and kidneys, and orders treatment. As House leaves, Taub gets a call from Rachel. He goes down to the parking garage to meet her, and she says that she can't do it. Taub admits that he's been an idiot and he doesn't need anyone else. They hug, assure each other that they love each other, and go home.

The next day, the team confirms that IBD treatment isn't working. They now have too many ideas. House notices that Taub doesn't have afterglow, and he explains that he chickened out because he couldn't hurt Rachel. They narrow it down to three possibilities and begin treating her. As they do, Thirteen suggests that Julia call Tom. However, all Julia can think about with Tom is that he's a liar. Thirteen finally tells Julia that he's been protecting her by not sleeping with anyone else. Julia thinks her marriage has been a sham, but Thirteen notes that Tom lied to keep her happy.

Sam comes to see Wilson at his office. They both apologize, but Sam admits that Wilson was right and she was selfish back then. Now she's trying to change, and she figures that Wilson has changed as well. Sam admits that she wishes they'd had the fight ten years ago, and they both agree not to give House the credit.

None of the treatments work and Julia's kidneys continue to fail. Julia has allowed Tom to get back, and House notices that he brought lilacs. He remembers that lilacs attract bees, and HSP can rarely be caused by a bee sting. HSP also has a rash, but they didn't find a rash. House confirms that Julia was stung by a bee a month ago. House explains that she has Henoch-Schonlien Purpura, which causes lesions throughout the body and a rash on the skin. House checks her mouth and finds lesions inside, allowing them to successfully treat. Julia tells Tom that he loves her, but House notes that they've still got problems with Tom bankrupting them and Julia wanting to sleep with other men.

House comes home and finds them happily playing poker together. He quietly puts the milk back in the door and leaves.

As Tub leaves for the night, he sees Maya going. He apologizes for canceling their date and she admits that she's sorry he did. They hesitate for a moment and then kiss. She asks if they he wants to go somewhere and he leaves with her.
The Choice

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Guest Stars: Cynthia Watros (Sam Carr), Adam Garcia (Theodore), Eva Amurri (Nicole), Jonathan Murphy (Cotter), Patrick Price (Nurse Jeffrey Sparkman), F. William Parker (Reverend Bowden), Gregory Franklin (Henry), Eugene Long (Cop #1), Tyler Scott Gilmour (Esteban)
Production Code: HOU-620
Summary: The team tries to diagnose a woman's fiancée, and she's surprised to learn the secrets that he's been keeping from her. Meanwhile, House decides to spend some musical free time with Chase and Foreman.

A bride-to-be, Nicole, is waiting outside the chapel as her father arrives to escort her in. She assures him that the groom, Ted, is the second greatest man she knows. They go in and the wedding begins. The reverend asks if Ted takes Nicole as his wife, but he freezes up and then collapses.

Wilson wakes up in bed next to Sam. As he starts to make love to her, she warns that House is in the next room. Wilson insists that he's sound asleep. House wakes up only to discover that he's in a neighbor boy's room. The police take him back to the condo. When House arrives at work, he tells Cuddy what happened and admit that he was drunk. She says she needs him in clinic, but fortunately for him, Chase arrives with a case. House goes to see Ted, who is suffering from aphasia. They've ruled out all the common causes, and House realizes that he's faking. He proves it by poking him with a syringe, but Ted claims that his voice just came back. Nicole wonders why Ted would fake anything, but House insists he is. As they leave, Taub insists that Ted wasn't faking, and House focuses on the fact that Taub refused to engage in an open wedding. Taub invites House to dinner, but House refuses until Taub brings Rachel along.

Outside, Ted tells Nicole that they should finish the wedding. She agrees but Ted stars coughing and collapses. They call House back in and tell him Ted has a plural effusion. They rule out infection and parasites, and House suggests Ted is on a medication he's not telling anyone about. He orders a battery of tests of Ted and his former apartment. Thirteen and Taub break in and start searching. She asks Taub what he told Maya, and figure he's lying when he says he called off the affair. Before she can pursue the matter, Thirteen notices a suspended ceiling with asbestos and figure that's responsible. The owner, Cotter, comes in, and they explain what happened. Cotter informs them that Ted was his boyfriend for three years.

The team confronts Ted, who insists that he's straight. When Cotter got a crush on him, he left. they've turned up mono and House explains that if there's unprotected sex, they'll have to
test for HIV. Ted insists he didn't have sex with Cotter, but when House threatens to go to Nicole, Ted admits that he experimented but that's behind him. He invites them to test him as long as they don't tell Nicole.

As the team runs the tests, they argue the merits of Ted hiding his sexual experimentation. Thirteen feels that Ted should be honest and Nicole should know the truth. Taub figures she's talking about him and his lack of honesty. The tests show that Ted doesn't have HIV, and Thirteen suggests that perhaps being straight did make him ill. She goes to ask Ted how he turned his life around, and gets him to admit that he had conversion therapy at a camp for rehabilitation. They injected him with emetics, male hormones, and ECT. House orders an EEG to see if they caused any neural damage.

Taub meets with House for dinner, but claims that Rachel can't make it because she has a pottery class. House has already texted Rachel to invite her, pretending to be Taub, and figures that Taub is cheating. Taub admits that he is, but begs House not to tell his wife. House agrees and leaves, but can't resist trying to suggest she get together with Taub on the night he's having his affair and claiming it's a pottery class.

Nicole comes to see Ted and Thirteen explains that they're testing for neurological damage. She lies and claims Ted had head trauma, but tells Nicole to ask Ted for the details. They go in as Ted has a heart attack.

In differential, the team tries to figure out what would have caused the heart attack. House can't resist mentioning Taub having an affair. He explains that he managed to find a class that is full so that Rachel can't come, and all he has to do now is find some pottery to pass off as his own. As Thirteen goes, she invites House to join her at a lesbian bar. House realizes something is up and goes to see Wilson, who explains that he's setting House up with company since Wilson has been busy with Sam. House accuses him of doing it out of self-interest, and agrees to do it for Wilson. However, he warns that it won't work.

Nicole talks to Ted when he recovers consciousness and asks him about his head trauma. He lies and says he fell off a stepladder. She clearly isn't convinced. Thirteen and Taub arrive to give him valium for a test, but when he tries to get up, he collapses. Ted recovers consciousness, but when he gets up again, he collapses. House figures that it's POTS (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), a blood pressure ailment. House orders treatment, and then reminds Taub what kind of pottery he'll have to make for the class.

Cotter comes to see Ted and talks to Nicole. When she wonders why he wasn't at the wedding, Cotter explains that he and Ted had a falling out and he wasn't invited. Nicole wonders how he knows Ted and Cotter explains that they were roommates for three years. He then starts crying over the unconscious Ted and admits that he misses him. Nicole orders him out and Cotter reluctantly goes.

When Ted wakes up, Nicole tells him about Cotter and demands to know who he is. Ted lies again but Nicole demands the truth from him. He admits that he got drunk one night and ended up having sex with Cotter, but he insists that he's not gay any more and the head trauma was caused by the anti-homosexual treatments. Ted says that it's in the past and doesn't matter any more, and then complains of head pains.

Taub reports the new symptom to House and concludes that it may be a cerebral infection. House wonders if Taub is distracted by his affair and taking proper precautions, and Taub leaves in disgust when House orders him to do a spinal tap to check for infection.

Thirteen takes House to the lesbian bar and they discuss her ability to detect homosexuals. She's disgusted with Ted, who is denying his sexuality, but doesn't think it bears any resemblance to Taub's case. Taub calls to report that the infection is negative, meaning it's not POTS. As House watches Thirteen drink, he gets an idea and suggests that he's losing CSF from the spinal tap they performed. The low pressure in his brain caused the POTS. They can seal the leak and give him artificial CSF to help him. As House hangs up, he watches as a woman sends a drink over to Thirteen.

As Chase and Taub repair the leak, Nicole says that she talked to her parents and Ted tells her to tell them that everything will be okay. He then suffers paralysis but the doctors confirm that it's not a stroke. They meet House in the cafeteria and tell him what happened, and that it eliminates POTS. As they discuss the case, House reveals that he's been bidding against Taub online to get the napkin rings for the pottery class. They figure the best way to get the truth is to get Cotter in and talk to all of them at the same time. As they go, Chase tells House that he and
Foreman are taking House out tonight, and it’s too late to back out because Wilson has already paid them.

Thirteen and Taub question Nicole, Ted, and Cotter about Ted’s medical history. Cotter notes that one time, Ted passed out after a single drink. Nicole admits there have been some issues with erectile dysfunction, and Cotter notes that he never had that problem. Taub suggests that it’s vascular, which could account for all the symptoms. Thirteen and Taub use a test to measure circulatory problems in the penis, and ask what kind of sexual simulation he needs. He’d rather take a shot for stimulation then choose.

Chase and Foreman take House to a karaoke bar and they perform Midnight Train to Georgia. House actually seems to enjoy himself and they offer a toast to Wilson.

The tests prove negative for a vascular condition, but Taub and Thirteen discover that Ted is lactating. Back in differential, Chase suggests that the male hormones the camp gave Ted screwed up his thyroid, while Taub and Thirteen suggest a benign tumor of the pituitary. House, drinking coffee, seems curiously sedate and orders them to MRI the pituitary. Wilson comes to see House and asks if he had fun. House initially denies it, and then admits that he wondered if they could be his friends. He tries to blame the booze, but Wilson doesn’t buy it. When House talks about the difference between what you can change and what you were born with, he gets an idea.

House goes to see Ted as Taub confirms the pituitary is normal. He adjusts Ted’s neck, relieving the pain, and explains he has a chiari malformation, a narrowing at the base of the skull that blocks CSF flow. The ECT caused his brain to swell, increasing the blockage and putting pressure on the pituitary. The POTS treatments they gave him made him worse. They can use surgery to repair the malformation and cure him, and House points out that it’s congenital and Ted was born that way.

After the surgery, Cotter comes to see Ted. Ted tells him that he’s not coming back, and Cotter tells him that he’s hurting Nicole. Ted insists that he loves Nicole and orders him out. He goes out past Nicole as she arrives. Ted insists that he loves Nicole and orders him out. He goes out past Nicole as she arrives. Ted suggests they rebook the marriage on her birthday in three weeks, but Nicole isn’t so sure. He insists that nothing has changed and he still loves her, and Nicole says she loves him. However, she thinks Ted still loves Cotter. He insists that he believes everyone has to make their own choices, and he made his. Nicole makes her choice, kisses him, and leaves.

As Nicole leaves, Taub watches her go. House comes over and Taub tells him that he asked off the affair. He thanks House for trying to save his marriage and gives him the pottery napkin rings. Cuddy comes to see House in his office and suggests they grab dinner. House figures that Wilson paid her as well, but Cuddy insists that it’s just her. He passes, even after Cuddy offers to buy, and she tells him that she just wants to be friends. House tells her that’s the last thing he wants them to be. They look at each other for a moment and then Cuddy goes, while House rubs his leg and considers the bottle of Ibuprofen. He then takes out a hidden bottle of alcohol and starts drinking.
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House arrives later for a therapy session with Dr. Nolan. He explains that his leg has been hurting and Nolan wonders if it’s due to stress. He asks House if he likes the painting in his waiting room, and he's feeling greater stress that is causing pain and absent-mindedness. Nolan realizes there's something going on and probes for answers.

House arrives at the Princeton ER and Cuddy told him that an amnesiac jogger showed up, and she continues suffering bouts of amnesia. House realizes the woman has money and that she’s hungry because her metabolism is in high gear since she’s a long-distance runner.

Nolan wonders why House was in the ER, and House admits that he was trying to avoid Wilson.

Wilson tells House that Sam is moving in, and he wants House to move out. House notes that Wilson is acting too quickly, and Wilson suggests that he help House find someplace to live other then his former apartment, where he abused drugs and hallucinated. House insists that he’s fine.

House insists that he’s fine, but Nolan points out that his best friend just threw him out. When House insists that he’s fine, Nolan points out that he arrived late and took the case despite the fact it isn’t his style because the memory loss is probably psychological.

House reviews the case with the team and Chase suggests they search her house for indications that she got an infection from environmental factors. They have to find her home first, and House suggests they track the serial number on her heart monitor. He then decides to take Mrs. X there to stimulate her memory.

Nolan figures that House wanted to go with the patient so he could avoid going home. House tells him that he had already gone to his home after leaving Wilson's.

House goes to his old apartment and discovers that his former roommate, Alvie, has snuck in to avoid Immigration. He’s taken over the place, organizing House’s stuff, making dinner, and...
painting the walls. When House realizes that his furniture has disappeared, Alvie explains that he sold his furniture to pay for the paint. House orders him out.

Nolan wonders if House was taking his frustrations out on Alvie, but then stayed with Alvie. He figures that House used Alvie as a distraction, and wants to know what House was distracting himself from.

House and Alvie take Mrs. X to the town and try to trigger her memories. She worries that she may never regain her memories, while Alvie talks about how he’s going to be deported because he can’t prove his citizenship. He was ordered to a special hearing, but avoided it because he couldn’t prove his Puerto Rican mother was his mother. Alvie spots a doughnut store and House gets an idea. He takes Mrs. X to the shop, figuring she stopped there when she was jogging. The cashier says that the woman’s husband left a card, and they track the address to a man, Jay. He greets Mrs. X as Sidney and wonders where she’s been.

Jay explains that the police wouldn’t list Sidney as a missing person yet, and says that he was calling hospitals on his own. He had dismissed Princeton-Plainsboro because it was too far away, and Sidney asks what she does. Jay explains that she runs because of the stress of her job as a lawyer, but she insists that it doesn’t sound like her.

House admits that it was odd that Sidney was more comfortable with him then Jay, and Nolan wonders if he liked the artificial intimacy.

Sidney can’t believe that she’s been married to Jay for four years, and is thrilled to see that she used to surf. Jay explains that she was working a case of methane contamination in substandard housing. As they get her outside, she collapses and complains of numbness of the feet and urinary problems. House concludes she’s having complex partial seizures.

Nolan wonders if House is diagnosing based on his personal issues. House insists his past has nothing to do with it, and that he was trying to recover his past.

House and Alvie go to the pawnshop where Alvie pawned House’s belongings. House realizes that one book, Approach to the Acute Abdomen, has been sold. He buys back the rest of his stuff from the shop owner at five times the value.

Nolan wonders why House was so desperate to get his stuff back. House slips and says he doesn’t like Wilson moving his stuff, and then snaps out that it isn’t about Wilson. Nolan just chuckles and continues.

Nolan wonders why House isn’t telling him what Wilson says, but House insists that Wilson just came by to check on him and it was very boring.

Alvie drops the cross that belonged to his mother. House tells Alvie that he set up an immigration hearing, but Alvie refused to participate.

Nolan notes that House cared enough to schedule a hearing, but House insists that he only cared for a few seconds and then got distracted.

Taub calls House and tells him that they’ve kept Sidney up for twelve hours but haven’t introduced stress seizures. House suggests strobe lights. Meanwhile, Sidney is wondering why she and Jay never did anything relaxing.

House explains that Sidney became serious and went into law when her brother died in a car accident. Nolan suggests that once the thing that caused Sidney’s change disappeared, the change itself disappeared. House figures that Sidney is at an earlier stage of her development, and is seeing her future self. Nolan suggests that Jay and Sidney aren’t in sync, because Sidney resents Jay’s attempts at intimacy.

Sidney has breathing problems and they run a MRI scan to check her brain.

Nolan wonders what House’s diagnosis has to do with his condition. House insists that it’s important, but Nolan figures he’s avoiding his past and wants him to talk about himself, not the case. House insists the case means nothing, but Nolan doesn’t believe it. He says there’s no reason to listen to it and starts reading. As House gets up, Nolan notices a bruise on his arm. He asks if House remembers falling, and House admits that he was drunk. Nolan notes that it looks like a boot, and House admits that he said something that someone objected to, and someone kicked him when he was down. His psychiatrist notes that he got drunk enough to get into a bar fight, and wonders if House did it deliberately. He figures that House deliberately sought out someone to beat on him, and that his patient is punishing himself. Nolan asks what House
screwed up. House has no idea, and admits he might have a problem. Nolan returns to the topic of Wilson.

House recruits Wilson to get the address of the book's buyer from the pawnshop owner. As they go, Wilson suggests that maybe he was hasty, and that he should keep House at the condo to be under observation. House blames him for being wishy-washy.

Nolan wonders why House was so hard on Wilson for being conciliatory, and House figures that Cuddy put his friend up to it. Nolan suggests that it might have been Sam who convinced him to let House stay, but House convinces him otherwise. Then he figures that Cuddy put Wilson up to it, and she kept checking on him because she supposedly wanted to keep Sidney, a high-priced lawyer, happy. House figures that Cuddy complained to Wilson about him kicking House out, and that neither one of them trusted him.

Nolan suggests an alternate theory, where Wilson thought he needed to protect House, and Cuddy figured he was being overprotective. House objects and invokes Taub coming in to interrupt Nolan's imaginary scenario. Nolan insists that his speculation is just as good as House's, and that Wilson had faith that House could survive being on his own. The psychiatrist then asks why House and Wilson are friends, and if House thinks Wilson is the best he can do. House rushes to Wilson's defense and Nolan points out the contradiction, and asks what he thinks of Wilson. House admits that he can say what he wants around Wilson and he won't leave, but Nolan notes that Wilson is leaving, at least temporarily. House figures that Wilson will eventually get divorced and invite him back to the condo. Nolan backs off and suggests that it's about something other than Wilson. He asks what else House would want to punish himself about, but House still doesn't know. Nolan asks if House has gotten anyone else angry with him.

Sidney agrees to House's surgery suggestion, but Jay refuses. House warns him that prion infection will destroy her brain if they don't operate, but Jay insists on speaking for the wife that he knew for four years. House checks the heart scan and realizes that the infection has spread to the brain stem, and surgery is no longer an option. House puts her on chemo therapy to give her a couple of weeks so she can hopefully recover her memories back before she dies.

Nolan notes that he was being harsh, and House admits that Jay was being an idiot. He feels that Jay wanted to let his wife die rather than lose her memories. Nolan asks who else he made mad.

House negotiates with the man who bought the book, a rare surgical text, but the man refuses to sell it. He's distracting the man so that Alvie can break in and steal the book when he's not looking. Back at the hospital, Taub explains that whatever Sidney has is attacking not just her brain but her whole body. Two Immigration agents arrive to deport Alvie, who realizes that House called them when he missed his hearing.

House goes to the hearing while the team keeps him updated via cell phone on Sidney's deteriorating condition. While he concludes that Sidney has TB and prescribes treatment of IV antibiotics and UV radiation exposure, Alvie swears that he hates House. The bailiff finally tells House to put the cell phone away, but he first warns the team that they may all be exposed to TB. Alvie’s case begins and House introduces himself as Alvie’s doctor. He provides DNA evidence taken from Alvie’s cross proves his parentage, confirming who his mother was. As they leave, Alvie realizes that House lied.

As House returns to the hospital, the team takes Sidney to surgery as she crashes. House notices a tattoo on her ankle, a surfing name, revealed by the UV lighting. She tried to have it removed, but they only took off the top layer, leaving the ink imbedded. When she went running, it triggered an allergic reaction when her immune system changed. A full-skin graft removed the ink and cured her.

Nolan points out that Sidney's past caused her illness, just like House thought. However, she didn't recover her memory.

Jay ends up treating Sidney as if they just met, courting him for the first time.

Nolan wonders why Jay changed his approach, and realizes that House gave him the advice. Because of that, House is thinking about relationships and how he lost Wilson but gained Alvie. House says not quite.

House returns to his apartment and finds a note from Alvie. It says that Alvie was grateful but he's moving to Arizona to avoid Immigration.

House admits he didn't think Alvie was going to stay forever, and Nolan asks what happened next.
House starts drinking and then leaves for the bar to get into a fight.
That’s the last thing House remembers. Nolan figures he picked a fight because of something about relationships, and notes that Sam and Wilson have a relationship. House admits that everyone is happy, and everyone is moving in together, even Cuddy and Lucas. Nolan notes that House hasn’t mentioned Cuddy and Lucas before, and realizes that the book House was buying belonged to Cuddy’s great-grandfather. He wanted to get it for Cuddy and Lucas’ housewarming, but Nolan figures it’s significant that he didn’t mention it. Jay was losing the woman he loved, just like House was. House insists they’re not related and tells Nolan that he originally said he wanted to be happy. For the last year he’s done everything Nolan has asked, and everyone is happy except for him. He accuses Nolan of taking advantage of people who want to believe, and says that whatever the answer is, the psychiatrist doesn’t have it.
An injured House sits on his bathroom floor and stares at a hole in the wall.

Eight hours earlier

House goes to see Cuddy, who tells him a crane collapsed in downtown Trenton. He isn’t interested and gives her great-grandfather’s book as a housewarming gift. When he wonders if there’s something wrong between her and Lucas, she ignores the question and leaves for the accident site. House goes along and begins helping. He and Cuddy begin triaging and House determines that one victim won’t survive.

They find the crane operator, who claims that he passed out while working. When House learns that he was using caffeine pills and drinking coffee, he concludes that the operator has a neurological problem. He prepares to take the man back for diagnosis but Cuddy tells House to let his team deal with it while he tends to the injured. House agrees, and then calls Wilson, in the ER, to share his suspicions that Cuddy and Lucas are having problem. Wilson dismisses his concerns and goes back to work, and House hears someone pounding on metal. He follows the noise and calls the emergency workers over, but they get no response and conclude House was mistaken. Once the leave, House knocks on a nearby metal pipe, considers, and then starts crawling into the wreckage, calling for the person to respond. When he gets no answer, he continues and finds an injured woman, begging for help.

As House tends to the woman, she talks about how she picked up a picture for her husband. She finally identifies herself as Hanna and House checks her for memory impairment. Once he’s satisfied, he tries to move her but discovers that her leg is pinned. He has no choice but to go, although Hanna begs him to stay. Once outside, House calls the team in ER and starts the differential of the operator. As they discuss the issue, House wonders where Thirteen is,
and Foreman admits he doesn’t know. The EMT then reports to House that Hanna is okay but bleeding. When he realizes the EMT doesn’t know how to administer an IV through the tibia, House goes down with them.

The emergency workers try to free Hanna but warn that the structural beam pinning her can’t be broken. As they go to get other tools, Hanna tries to get closer to House, but he insists that he won’t be there long. She insists she has to call her husband but House says he can’t and leaves again. Outside, House talks to Cuddy and asks if things are going badly with Lucas. She insists that everything is going fine and explains that she thought it was an engagement present. They got engaged the previous night, but House notes she’s not wearing an engagement ring. Cuddy says she left it in her desk because she knew she was coming to the accident site. They’re interrupted when an emergency worker comes over.

Taub and Chase run an MRI on the crane operator, Dolce. They don’t find anything, but discover that he’s bleeding from the eye and nose.

House and Cuddy go back down, and the captain in charge, McCreavey, warns that they can’t get her free and will have to amputate. Cuddy warns that the more she’s pinned, the better the chances she’ll get cramp syndrome, and the poison released will kill her. House insists that she has at least two hours and refuses to agree to her leg amputation, but McCreavey warns that they’re risking further collapses. Cuddy reluctantly agrees with House to delay for two hours.

Once they’re alone, Hanna thanks House and gets him to promise not to cut off the leg. The team calls House to tell him that Dolce is bleeding, and House insists it proves there was something wrong. Thirteen arrives and claims she was in physical therapy and left her phone in her locker. House snaps angrily at them to check again and leaves, telling Hanna that he’s the only one who can help Dolce. Outside, House prepares to leave but Cuddy tells him that Hanna is panicking and wants him. He agrees to stay.

Now

In his bathroom, House considers his valium.

Earlier

House returns to Hanna, who apologizes for needing him but is happy to have him there. He gives her his phone so she can call her husband Charlie. He already knows what’s happening and she apologizes for not being there on his birthday. House notes that she’s getting upset and her BP is rising, endangering her leg, and she hangs up. He blames himself for doing something stupid, but Hanna insists it was nice. She asks about his leg and House sarcastically dismisses her comment, and she wonders why he wasn’t nicer. Hanna then asks him to pray with her, and House refuses. When she admits she doesn’t believe in God, just like him, he agrees. Hanna then wonders how bad things can happen to fundamentally good people, and House admits he knows how she feels.

As Thirteen and Taub test Dolce, Taub notes that she lied to House about the therapy. She refuses to explain but insists that she’s fine.

As McCreavey tries to free Hanna, Hanna wonders if she and House can be friends afterward. He dismisses her suggestion and they manage to get the beam up. However, as they pull her out, the basement collapses around them.

When House and McCreavey recover, they discover that one of Hanna’s lungs has collapsed and House works to reinflate it. House is bleeding and McCreavey advises him to get up top for medical treatment. Cuddy treats his wound while the team calls to tell him that Dolce’s fever is spiking. McCreavey informs House that due to the extra debris from the collapse, they can’t use the air bags to lift the beam for at least five or six hours. He tries to come up with a way to prevent the potassium buildup caused by crush syndrome, but Cuddy points out that it’s hopeless. When House persists, Cuddy accuses him of taking out his anger on her over the engagement. House denies it and insults her, and she asks him what he has in his life. She and Wilson are moving on, but he’s got nothing. Cuddy informs him that she’s going down to convince Hanna to consent to the amputation.

Hanna refuses to allow the amputation, insisting that House promised and she can wait. House comes down and tells her that they have to amputate because they’ve run out of time. He explains what happened to his leg and that he refused to let the doctors amputate. When she points out he saved his leg, House says that he wishes they hadn’t and that because of the constant pain, he’s a worse person and alone. He tells her that Hanna doesn’t want to be like...
him, and she can still have friends and family. Hanna thinks it over and then agrees. House tells Cuddy that he'll handle the amputation and sends her out.

House describes the procedure to Hanna and then cuts off her leg. The EMTs get her out and her husband is waiting for her. He assures her that he loves her no matter what and leaves with her for the hospital. House gets in the ambulance, looks back briefly at Cuddy, and then leaves with Hanna. En route, the team calls House and tells him that Dolce was being questioned by an officer and went into a coma. House realizes that the stress caused Dolce’s BP to spike, as did the caffeine earlier. Dolce has an arachnoid cyst on his lower spine.

Hanna suddenly starts gasping for breath and House realizes that he waited too long. She has a clot in her lungs and he administers a blood thinner. It doesn't work and House realizes that it’s a fat embolism from the amputation. He informs Charlie that there’s nothing they can do.

The ambulance arrives at the hospital and Foreman arrives just as Hanna flatlines. Later, Foreman tries to comfort House, noting there was nothing he could have done and it would have happened no matter what. House walks away and then yells at Foreman, saying that he knows there’s nothing he could have done but it doesn’t make him feel any better. As House leaves, Foreman tells him that he shouldn’t be alone but House orders him out of the way.

Thirteen leaves an envelope on House’s desk. As she goes, Taub comes in and asks what she’s doing. She tells him that she’s asking for some time off and says that she’s not okay.

Now

House goes home and checks his injury, which is still bleeding. He then yanks the mirror of the wall and smashes it, revealing a hidden stash of Vicodin in the wall. He sits on the floor and considers the bottles and pours some pills into his hand. Cuddy comes in and says that it’s his choice to go back on drugs. She informs him that she broke off her engagement with Lucas. Cuddy tells House that she can’t move on and all she can think about is him. She asks him if she and he can work. House wonders if he can fix himself, and Cuddy admits he doesn’t know. He warns her that he’s the most screwed-up person in the world, and Cuddy admits that she knows but she loves him anyway. With her help, House gets back up and kisses her. He wonders if he’s hallucinating, and Cuddy points out that he didn't take the Vicodin. She figures they’re okay, and House agrees, throwing the pills away.
Season Seven
Now What?

Season 7
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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: George Wyner (Richardson), Chris Connor (Alex), Matt Salinger (Malkin), Jay Tapaoan (Zander), Janet Golden (Candy Stripper (uncredited)), David Gueriera (Scalper #1 (uncredited))
Production Code: HOU-701
Summary: Now that they’re together, House and Cuddy try to establish a normal relationship. Meanwhile, the team comes to the aid of an ailing Princeton neurosurgeon but discover that they need House’s help... and House is nowhere to be found.

After House and Cuddy kiss, Cuddy checks on House’s injury and removes his shirt to clean the wound. She then removes his pants and strokes his leg. When he asks her not to, she says she loves him and kisses the old injury. House then undresses Cuddy as they kiss, and then carries her to the bed.

The next morning, they wake up and House wonders what happens next. Cuddy prepares to go to work, and assures him that this is just the beginning. Meanwhile, the team comes to the aid of an ailing Princeton neurosurgeon but discover that they need House’s help... and House is nowhere to be found.

Foreman, Taub, Chase, and Thirteen meet and wonder where House is. Chase notes that he read Thirteen’s resignation letter to House, and then Foreman found it as well and tore it up. They want to know why she’s resigning. She refuses.

House and Chase are cleaning up the broken mirror from the previous night, and Cuddy notices House’s bottle of Vicodin. The phone rings and House suggests that they ignore it. Cuddy agrees, but House soon realizes that she can’t just ignore it. She admits that they’re having numerous problems, and Richardson the neurosurgeon has claimed he’s a prisoner. Cuddy explains that he is the only neurosurgeon they have, and that he can’t leave without the hospital losing its Level 1 Trauma Center status. House offers to make her a bath and ushers her out of the bathroom. Once he’s alone, he runs the water and then calls Chase to ask why they don’t have more neurosurgeons. He then tells Chaser he’s the new neurosurgeon, or to at least pretend so they can keep the ER open. Chase wonders where House is, and House ignores his question and hangs up.
Foreman finds Thirteen’s tickets to Rome and asks her why she’s leaving. He figures she’s going there because they’re having trials for Huntington’s treatment, but Thirteen resents him going through her correspondence and angrily walks out.

As they take a bath together, House suggests that she’s overreacting because of the recent emergency, and points out that she dumped her fiancé. Cuddy tells him not to overanalyze it and House agrees. They soon realize House hasn’t done the secret bath correctly.

Chase and Foreman discover that Alex is trying to reach her without success. When Chase claims he’s a neurosurgeon Alex knows better because Cuddy has told him not to believe anything House or anyone says.

House serves Cuddy breakfast, but quickly realizes that she wants to leave and insists that he can tell when she’s lying. She wants to know something about him that’s a secret, and he says he used to have an intimate relationship with a photograph of her and a sock. He tries to then claim he’s lying, but Cuddy knows better. House goes to the bathroom and takes Chase’s call that Alex felt he had to legally notify DPH that there is no neurosurgeon on site. House tells Chase to deal with it.

The team gets back together and realizes there’s no neurosurgeon they can get. Chase wonders if House is testing them, and Foreman wonders whether to make the report or cover it up. Thirteen suggests they get Richardson better, and Chase ends up having to go with her.

House opens a bottle of champagne with a sword in honor of their relationship and shatters it. Wilson arrives and starts pounding on the door. They ignore him but he calls and hears the cell phone ring. House finally answers and pretends to be his own answering machine. It doesn’t work at all, and House claims that Cuddy gave him the day off and he’s fine. Wilson finally leaves, but warns that he’ll be back if House doesn’t show up for work the next day.

Thirteen and Chase go to see the vomiting Richardson, who insists he ate bad sushi and is sick. They suspect it isn’t food poisoning and figure they need to treat the damage to his stomach lining. Thirteen asks if Richardson would take a risky drug to get rid of the symptoms.

After sex, Cuddy asks why House didn’t let Wilson in. House figures she didn’t want their relationship to be public, and she points out she wouldn’t do it if she wanted it to be private. Then Cuddy wonders if he’s not ready.

After giving Richardson the medicine, Thirteen and Chase play chess and wait to see if he’s stable. She then tells Chase to give her his opinion on the Huntington’s trial. Chase isn’t interested, but asks if she’ll have sex with him. He figures he has to do it now before she leaves for Rome. Richardson seemingly recovers and is ready to go back to the hospital. However, he then starts going on about how shiny a lamp is. They figure it’s a side effect of the drug, but get him to the hospital anyway.

House decides to prove he’s willing to go public by filming a sex tape and sending it to Wilson. They hear glass break and House takes the sword and goes to investigate. He finds Wilson stuck partway through the window, and offers him tea. Wilson figures that House is upset after losing his patient, but House insists he’s just there to have sex with his girlfriend. House finally lets Wilson in and says his girlfriend is Cuddy. Wilson doesn’t believe it and figures House is having a relapse. House takes Wilson to the bedroom only to discover that she’s not there.

Wilson checks to see if House is on drugs, and House insists he was just trying to make a point. When Wilson offers to stay, House says he doesn’t have to but Wilson figures that he needs someone after losing a patient. Wilson finally leaves and House finds Cuddy hiding in the closet.

Taub and Thirteen check on Richardson, who is getting worse. Alex points out that Richardson can’t function as a neurosurgeon, and Taub claims Richardson has high blood sugar. Thirteen figures he has either peptic ulcer disease or hepatitis. Taub then asks how long she’ll be gone, and Thirteen admits that she doesn’t know. He says that he approves of her undergoing the trial, surprising her.

Cuddy claims that she pressured House into going public, and figures if she forces him, their relationship won’t work. In response, he challenges her to a game of Boggle.

Chase tells Alex that Richardson is doing better and brings in the DPH inspector, Malkin, but then stalls and says Richardson is in surgery. Malkin then wonders why Alex said that Richardson wasn’t there, and Alex lies. Once Malkin starts to go, Richardson stagers out and complains of a fever, and starts removing his clothing. Malkin tells them to start evacuating patients because he’s shutting down their departments.
House and Cuddy play Boggle, and Cuddy wonders why House didn’t tell her he loves her in response to her declaration. He insists it’s perfectly natural behavior... and spells out "ILOBE-YOU."

As Malkin oversees the removal of patients to other hospitals, Chase reports that the lab results show nothing wrong with Richardson. Foreman suggests that his symptoms might have nothing to do with their drug treatment. Richardson explains he snuck out and went to a seafood convention. Thirteen wonders if he had roe, and remembers that roe causes nausea and a high. She prepares to give him a fast-acting antidote so they can get him back to work.

Cuddy and House are back in bed, discussing places to go in France. He orders tickets and suggests they leave right away, but Cuddy says she has to take care of her daughter. House wonders why she won’t adjust her schedule for him, and Cuddy agrees to go in two weekends, once she has some prep time to make arrangements for Rachel to stay with her grandmother. House agrees.

Thirteen gives Richardson the antidote, and Foreman apologizes to Thirteen. He then hopes she has someone going with her so she won’t be alone, and offers to fly over with her as a friend. Thirteen thanks him, but says she’ll be okay on her own. They hold each other’s hands, and Richardson joins in.

As Cuddy prepares to leave, she thanks House for everything. However, as she starts to go, House says that it won’t work. Cuddy wants to discuss it, and House figures that she’ll remember all of the horrible things he’s done in the past, and figure that he’ll eventually revert.

Chase and Thirteen bring in a seemingly normal Richardson, and explain that he was suffering from temporary food poisoning. Malkin insists on testing Richardson, who passes with flying colors. The DPH inspector orders the patients back, and Chase invites Thirteen to join them for celebratory cake. He then brings up his question about sex and wants to confirm. She makes very sure he knows that she doesn’t want to have sex with him, and gives him a hug.

Cuddy sits down to talk to House, and he warns that he’ll do horrible things to her again. He doesn’t believe he can change, and asks Cuddy if he’s wrong. She insists that she doesn’t want him to change, and that he’ll always be screwed up. But he’s the most incredible man she knows, and always will be. Cuddy says he either has to break up with her or she’s going home, and kisses him. House admits he loves her.

Taub and Chase find Foreman sitting alone with the celebration cake. He tells them that Thirteen never signed up for the Huntington’s trials in Rome, and that she’s disconnected her phone lines. There’s no trace of hers.

Cuddy assures House that everything will be fine, and then leaves. Once each of them is alone, they both look worried.
Selfish

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Alyson Stoner (Della Carr), Allan Rich (Sydney), Stephanie Courtney (Claire Carr), Murray Gershenz (Maurice), Cody Saintgnue (Hugo Carr), Dwier Brown (George Carr), Sean Smith (Ernest Griffin), Reggie De Leon (Vincent), Chase Austin (Billy)
Production Code: HOU-702
Summary: A family copes with a sick daughter and a dying son, and the team must diagnose the daughter before it’s too late. Meanwhile, House deals with an elderly father and son, and tries to deal with the challenges of a workplace romance.

Della Carr is skating at an indoor park for a muscular dystrophy charity event as her brother Hugo watches from his wheelchair along with his friends. She then takes Hugo out on the ramps as their parents George and Claire look on. She lets him go and then collapses.

House meets Cuddy in the parking garage and is eager to make their relationship public, but Cuddy doesn’t want to yet and insists that they go to HR first to register their relationship. House agrees, but makes sure to grope her first. In the lobby, Cuddy tells him that Della’s heart briefly stopped and wants him to take the case, and House agrees.

The team goes into differential to review Della’s case. House announces that he’s seeing Cuddy, and Wilson leaves, figuring it’s another practical joke. Taub warns it’s not a good idea, and Foreman figures it’s good they’re finally together. House wonders where Thirteen is, but is curiously unconcerned when told that she’s disappeared after lying to the team about a possible treatment in Rome. Chase is more interested in pursuing the case. Foreman suggests muscular dystrophy passed on genetically, but Taub and Foreman wonder why House isn’t concerned about Thirteen’s absence. House refuses to tell them why he doesn’t care and returns to the diagnosis. House tells them to scare Della to confirm a diagnosis of long QT.

As Taub and Foreman leave, they disagree about House’s testing procedure. Foreman figures that the new relationship is mellowing House out, but Taub warns that when it inevitably fails, House will be more miserable and cranky than ever.

House goes to see Wilson, who still believes that House is trying to prank him. Cuddy comes in to blame House for telling everyone, and says they need to go to Human Resources. Wilson isn’t convinced since House goes to HR so often, and House tries to kiss Cuddy to confirm what’s going on. She then kisses House, but Wilson isn’t convinced because it’s not so passionate. When Cuddy grabs House’s crotch, he’s convinced.
In HR, House and Cuddy try to describe their relationship to Ernest Griffin, the rip. Cuddy insists that she can supervise House and not compromise hospital business. Griffin has them sign a love contract and warns that they’ll watch to see if Cuddy shows any favoritism or bias toward House. When House says how they’re going to test Della, Cuddy objects and House immediately says he won’t. Outside, Cuddy figures House will do it anyway and tells him there are alternatives, and he agrees. He even calls Taub and Foreman to tell them to stop the test, and she’s convinced.

Della’s parents want to know why they’re not doing the scare test, and Taub insists that House is concerned about the patient. They send her to urinate but Della says she doesn’t have to despite the amount of liquid they’ve given her, and they realize her kidneys are failing.

As the team goes back into differential, Taub suggests that House’s relationship with Cuddy is compromising his judgment. House says that he agreed with Cuddy and that’s why he changed his mind, and figures that Taub wants Heart’s relationship to fail because his marriage is failing. House suggests amyloidosis and tells them to get a bone marrow transplant from Hugo.

At the clinic, House meets with two elderly men, Sydney and his father Maurice, to diagnose Maurice. House insists that the only thing the father is suffering from is symptoms of old age, but agrees to do the test.

Taub gets Hugo out of the room and explains the process of taking bone marrow to Della and her parents. Della refuses to accept it from her brother, and Taub reports to House. House figures that Della would have refused. As he leaves, he finds Wilson smiling at him. Wilson then wonders who is going to supervise him. When he finds out it’s Cuddy, he’s skeptical that it will work and notes that House wants something. He admits that he’s worried about House, and House insists that he believed Cuddy was right and changed his mind.

Taub talks to Della and notes that everything she does is her living her life for Hugo. She agrees but insists it’s selfless. Della starts coughing up blood and they realize it’s not amyloidosis. They get her into OR, and House suggests to Cuddy that they fill part of her lung with foam. The only other alternative is suturing the lung over a period of time. Cuddy agrees with House and leaves, but House changes his mind and tells Chase to suture the lung.

House goes to see Wilson and admits he can’t handle his new relationship with House. He figures that Cuddy actually disagreed with him even though she said she agreed. Wilson says that he cares enough to pull his punches, but they have to set some ground rules. House would rather avoid the problem than the issue.

The team gathers again and figures that the suturing may not last forever. Taub still thinks House is letting Cuddy compromise his judgment. Foreman suggests Goodpasture’s and House orders a kidney biopsy to confirm and immune treatments to cure. As House leaves, Sydney approaches House and offers to pay him to pretend to do the tests and then tell Maurice that he can’t live with Sydney anymore.

That night, Cuddy and House are in bed when Foreman calls to tell him that the kidney biopsy proved clean and her lungs are fried. She needs a new lung to live, and Taub has gone to the transplant committee. House says that they have everything under control, and Cuddy suggests that she go. House notes that he bribed her nanny to stay another hour.

Later, the team tells Della’s parents that the operation was successful. However, the body is rejecting the lung, and they can’t give steroids in case its infection. Alternately, they can treat for rejection but she’ll die of rejection. House tells them to treat for rejection, since she’ll last longer. As they go, Taub notes that they proscribed a potentially lethal treatment based on a guess, and House went with the safer approach because Cuddy would eventually do it anyway. House tells Taub to get Cuddy’s approval on the riskier procedure and leaves.

Maurice comes to see House and tells him to forget the tests. He insists that Sydney can’t let go of him, and he doesn’t want his son’s help. Maurice then pays House $100 to lie on the tests and tell Sydney that he needs to be in a nursing home. House agrees and pockets the money. Cuddy storms in with Taub, having heard what House said about her ass. Cuddy agrees with Foreman, and House agrees with her and blames Taub for going against the team decision.

Taub meets with Chase and notes that Cuddy has House on a short leash, and that House isn’t giving Chase any issues because he’s indifferent. Taub figures that Chase isn’t interested because he has a relationship of his own. Chase hints that he’s 1/4th right. They get an alert on Della, whose lung is crashing, and realizing that it must be rejection.
Wilson goes to see House in the cafeteria, and House admits that he caved through an intermediary. Wilson tells him to work something out with Cuddy. Chase and Taub arrive to tell House that the infection treatment isn’t working either, and House figures that it can’t be LAM. As he considers the problem, Hugo comes to him and says that he wants House to do everything to save his sister. The boy insists that he’s the one who is supposed to die first, and Della has never been sick up to now. House isn’t impressed. However, as he goes, he gets an idea and talks to Della. She confirms that she’s never had a cold, but admits she’s had sore ears and congestion of the chest. Della first noticed it a year ago at a skating convention in Denver, and she ignored it because Hugo has it so much worse. House goes out and Taub follows him, and House explains she has sickle cell trait brought on by a clotting disorder. The transplant committee will never give her a second lung, but House realizes there’s a way to get her a lung without the committee’s approval.

Cuddy confronts House when she’s learned that he plans to talk to Hugo’s parents about taking a lung and bone marrow. She insists that it’s coercive to tell them and Hugo isn’t their patient, and refuses to compromise one life for another. House agrees, much to Cuddy’s surprise. She wonders if he’s deferring to her because they’re seeing each, and he admits he might be. House admits that it’s scrwing him up and wonders why it doesn’t bother her, and Cuddy admits that it is. She realized that she was wrong to okay him foaming the lung, and says that they’re screwing things up. Cuddy goes to HR to have them find someone else to supervise House.

House goes to the clinic to tell Maurice and Sydney about Maurice’s test results. He recommends that Maurice move into a home. Sydney renders a token protest and notes that Maurice can’t feel hot and cold, and House asks to see his denture cream. It turns out that Maurice uses denture cream that he buys online, and which is giving him zinc poisoning. He then says Maurice has no reason to go into a home, and gives them both their money back while claiming it’s a hospital rebate.

House goes to his office and finds George waiting for him. George realizes the transplant committee will never give Della a second lung, and wants to know what they can do. He realizes that House isn’t telling him something, and demands to know what House can do. House hesitates and then says they can take marrow and half a lung from Hugo, even though it will shorten his life significantly, and won’t be able to use a respirator as his condition declines. He warns George that they have until morning to decide, and George thanks him.

George and Claire argue throughout the night.

In the morning, Della asks Taub where her parents are and says she saw them arguing. She realizes her parents want a lung from Hugo, but Taub tells her she’s wrong.

George and Claire realize that they can’t live with their decision no matter what they choose. Taub finds Della in the stairwell. As the crash team comes to move her, Taub explains to the parents that Della realized what they were arguing about and tried to kill herself.

Later, Taub explains that Della triggered off a shock that made her condition much worse, and they only have a little more time to decide. Meanwhile, Cuddy informs House that HR couldn’t find another supervisor for him. She tells him to go ahead and tell the parents their options, and House admits that he already did it. He apologizes and Cuddy admits she isn’t as mad as she should be. George and Claire tell House that they’re not going to take the lung and marrow from Hugo, and House blames them for letting their daughter die. Cuddy starts arguing with House about his cold attitude, and he yells right back. Hugo overhears them and goes to his sister, and tells her to put a piece of him inside her so he can be with her, and so he doesn’t have to live without her.

Cuddy and House walk away, and House admits that they got lucky. He concedes that he gave he parents an impossible choice, but Hugo made it for them. Cuddy points out that their fight was the first honest interaction they’ve had, and recommends that they be brutally honest with each other. House responds by groping her butt and telling her she has a big ass, and they leave.
Unwritten
Season 7
Episode Number: 134
Season Episode: 3

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Recurring Role: Cynthia Watros (Sam Carr), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Seidy Lopez (Christina), John Bain (Jack Cannon), Amy Irving (Alice Tanner), Rosalie Vega (Nurse Yvette), Todd Bosley (Go-Cart Attendant), Allison Ochmanek (Very Hot Woman)
Production Code: HOU-703
Summary: House and his team must treat both the physical and psychological ailments of a popular children’s author when she collapses just moments before attempting suicide. When the diagnosis proves difficult, House becomes motivated as he believes the answer to her problems lie within her latest novel, which he happens to be a fan of. Meanwhile, House and Cuddy go on a double date with Sam and Wilson.

Author Alice Tanner is in her study working on her newest Jack Cannon: Boy Detective book. She finishs it, and a boy in the room asks if it’s finished. He wants to read it, but Alice says that he won’t this time, and there won’t be another book. Alice touches the scar on the boy’s cheek and says that she’s not brave enough to continue. She then takes out a gun and prepares to shoot herself. The boy tells her to stop, and she calls him Jack and says he doesn’t exist. Alice prepares to shoot herself but has a seizure and the gun goes off, the bullet missing and leaving a powder burn on her cheek. She collapses as the maid hears the shot and runs in.

House is checking on a comatose patient and stealing her candy, and Wilson comes in to ask how he pissed off Cuddy. House insists that Cuddy is fine, but is worried because he’s happy. He warns Wilson that they’re in their honeymoon period, but he wonders what will happen when the rush wears off. Wilson has to admit that he can’t think of anything they have in common besides work, but tells House that Cuddy won’t dump him. House figures that they’ll have a lot of arguing and makeup sex, and resolves to find something that they both enjoy doing. Wilson follows him along and tells him that Alice has been brought to the ER.

House goes in to see Alice as she tells the nurse that her nurse overreacted. He checks her out while admitting that he’s a fan, and she agrees to answer one question about anything if House will discharge her. He agrees, but asks why she tried to kill herself. When Alice refuses to answer and tries to leave, House puts her on a 72-house psych hold.

The team meets and wonders why House brought them back for a woman with psychiatric problems. House explains that she’s the author of the Jack Cannon books, and her fans will be upset. He tells Foreman and Taub to do an overnight observation, but lets Chase go because he’s dating a hot woman who is waiting for him outside.
House takes Cuddy to Alice’s house and claims that Alice wants him to look over her manuscript. She realizes that Alice is the woman in the psych ward and he’s on a case. The maid comes in and figures that they’re thieves.

Taub and Foreman examine Alice, who refuses to answer their questions. She insists that she had a seizure before she could put the gun in her mouth, and then asks for a woman doctor to get them out. They refuse but agree to watch from the next room.

The maid, Christina, explains that Alice threatened to fire her if she said anything about the suicide attempt. Christina explains that Alice never goes out despite her money, and directs House to the manuscript. Meanwhile, she tells them that Alice suffered from back and hand pains, and cried a lot at night. House doesn’t find the manuscript but takes the ribbon spool out of Alice’s old-fashioned typewriter. He also finds a tuna can in the garbage and Christina confirms that the author eats two or three a day.

House goes to Alice’s room and confirms that she wet the bed, but admits he isn’t sure how she did it.

The next morning, a cheery Chase arrives in the conference room and participates in the differential. They want to test her for mercury poisoning brought on by the tuna, but they can’t as long as Alice demands a female patient. House tells them to administer chelation therapy but realizes they need Cuddy. He goes to see her, but she’s mad at House for mixing their personal and professional lives. He gives her a stolen stuffed penguin as a peace offering, and Cuddy reminds him that she told him to hire a female doctor. When House balks, she tells him to do it within the next week.

Cuddy goes to see Alice and give her the option to provide the urine for testing. Christina is there to check on her. Alice notes that she smelled Cuddy’s perfume on House, and also on Christina. She fires Christina and then agrees to have House and his team examine her.

In his office, House is trying to decipher the typing on the ribbon. When he realizes that House took Cuddy along, he figures it’s good because Cuddy is trying to connect with him, and they have something in common. House isn’t convinced.

Jack appears to Alice again and asks how she’s feeling. As Chase and Foreman come in, they notice she’s talking to thin air. She claims she’s only imagining things as a way to get into her characters’ heads. She then tells Chase that he’s recently divorced and slept at a woman’s place, and doesn’t plan to return her calls. Alice points out the clues that lead to her deduction, and Chase suggests she do the same thing with Taub. She deduces that he’s cheating on his wife, just as her husband cheated on her. Alice suddenly clutches at her head pain, before they do anything.

The team goes back into differential and have Chinese, while House works on the typewriter ribbon. He asks when Alice had the seizure, and suspects that increased adrenaline caused by a pheochromocytoma caused the seizure. House tells them to do an MRI, but they ignore him. He responds by sweeping their food into the wastebasket and telling them to do it now.

As they take Alice into the MRI, she starts to scream and metal in her leg superheats. Afterward, they determine that she had a skiing accident and ended up with three metal pins in her leg, and they overheated in the MRI’s magnetic field. House reminds them that everyone lies, and Alice wants to die. Taub warns that they can only hold her for 36 hours on the psych hold, and House determines what they have to offer Alice to get her to cooperate. House goes to see the author and says he wants to write more books. She says she’s done, and he offers her a syringe with a narcotic overdose. Alice wonders why House cares about her, and he explains that he knows all about pain, and you either find reasons to go on or you don’t. She says that she can’t go on, but House says once she’s free of the pain, she’ll want to write again. Alice agrees and House gives her the syringe. She then jabs it into her leg and injects herself.

Later, Alice wakes up and finds House sitting at her bed. She realizes that he lied to her, and he insists that he told her the truth about getting rid of the tumor. Alice says that she’ll soon be out, but House points out that she tried to kill herself, and that he’s got her psych hold extended another 24 hours. In response, she tells him that in her next book, Jack Cannon dies.

The team goes over the tests and determines there’s no sign of tumors or adrenaline surges. However, without Alice’s cooperation, they can’t do anything further. House notes that Jack Cannon’s mentor in the book is Aunt Helen, who is the same age as Alice. He goes to the MRI and calls in Sam to the MRI. Wilson objects, but House is impressed when he discovers that Sam is also a Jack Cannon fan. She comes up with the idea of tweaking the MRI software to read
the impressions. They discuss the Jack Cannon romance, much to Wilson's bemusement, and finally realize what she wrote.

As House prints out the pages in his office, Cuddy comes in to note that Wilson has informed her that she's going on a double date with House, Wilson, and Sam. She's less than thrilled to learn that House used a $3 million piece of equipment to read a novel, and gives him six more clinic hours. Cuddy tells him to pick something they'd both enjoy, and refuses to help House out, insisting he should know.

Chase and Foreman use non-invasive ultrasound on Alice, and discover there's something encased around her heart. They confirm it's a pericardial effusion, which indicates something worse. However, they don't know what. House is more interested in the novel, and tells them that her final book ends on a cliffhanger and nothing gets resolved. He tells them that it also reveals why Alice wants to kill herself. The Aunt Helen character in the novel has the same symptoms, and kills herself with a gun shot. Taub suggests lupus, but House doesn't believe it because it doesn't have a cure. If there's no cure, Alice will still kill herself. House orders them to test to confirm.

House picks a go-cart track for the double date, and Cuddy points out that she hasn't liked go-carting since she was 12. Sam loves the idea, since she hasn't been go-carting since she was 12. They race and Sam keeps bumping Wilson. Cuddy notes that women typically win because they weigh less, and races House. Even Wilson gets into the spirit of things, until Sam knocks him off the track. Cuddy goes after her while House cheers her on. However, Cuddy ends up knocked off the track and House goes after Sam to avenge his girlfriend's defeat. He hooks her battery cable with his cane and pulls it loose, and wins the race. Afterward, the attendant revokes their racing privileges and tells them all to get out. Cuddy complains that the seatbelt almost broke her neck, and blames House for picking the place. When Wilson comments that it's just her pain talking, House gets an idea.

Back at the hospital, House wakes up Alice and tells her that the screws in her leg were the result of a car crash, and she damaged her thyroid gland due to the seatbelt pressure. He insists that there's a cure, and shows her the novel he recreated. He then explains that she has hypothyroidism, and tells her to finish the novel the right away. Alice insists that House doesn't know anything about her or her character, and then collapses, paralyzed.

The team meets for differential, and House wonders how he can be wrong. Taub suggests that House may not be completely right, and suggests post-traumatic syringomyelia, slowly developing and causing pressure on Alice's spine. They need her medical records from the accident to confirm the location. House tells them to do it, and Taub complains that they're tired. Foreman suggests that House should hire a woman doctor, and House tells Chase to pick one.

The next morning, the team reports to House that they can't find Alice's old medical records. However, it doesn't matter because Alice is refusing surgery. House wonders why she lied about the accident, and goes to see Cuddy. She's been unable to find a legal way to do the operation without Alice's permission. House brainstorms about his theory and figures Alice wants to punish her for something that happened before she became a famous writer. Cuddy suggests that Alice is using an alias, and House seizes on the idea, suggesting that Alice's real name might be Helen.

House goes to see Alice and describes how she writes Jack Cannon as a brilliant kid who takes things too far. He realizes that her son was with her in the car accident, and died. The files have a photo that show him with a scare, and House explains that she uses the books to keep her son alive. Alice begs him to leave her in peace, and House says that she's never had peace. She blames herself, explaining that she let her son drive even though he had a learning permit and it was raining. Alice sees Jack standing at her bedside, and House insists that it's not her fault. He shows her the autopsy results, which reveal that he had a brain aneurysm and died before impact. House confirms it with the autopsy results, and tells Alice that Jack would have died a day or a week later. He asks her to let them perform surgery, and Alice explains that the writing let her keep her son alive. Jack takes her hand, and Alice accepts that it wasn't her fault. She then tells House to do the surgery.

House watches the operation from the theater and Cuddy comes in. She realizes that House lied and her son Jack never had a brain aneurysm. House admits that he lied, and Cuddy thanks him for caring. House claims that he only did it to "save" Jack Cannon, and Cuddy said that she read the books he gave her. House points out that she never read the books, and knows that
Wilson told her that House was worried about losing her. Cuddy says she’ll only dump him if he doesn’t talk to her about their problems, and that she likes being with House no matter what they do or don’t have in common. She doesn’t want “common,” and insists that she’s never been happier.

After the surgery, House goes to see Alice. She tells him that she can finally move on, and she won’t write another Jack Cannon book. Alice insists that the way she ended the story is perfect, and each reader can decide the best ending for them. House tells her that it’s stupid, but Alice says that Jack’s story is done. House starts to tell her the truth... and sees Cuddy outside. He maintains the lie about the aneurysm and leaves. Outside, Cuddy starts to compliment him and he tells her to shut up.
House, MD Episode Guide

Massage Therapy

Season 7
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Season Episode: 4

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Vinessa Shaw (Dr. Kelly Benedict), Zachary Knighton (Billy McPherson), Erin Cahill (Margaret McPherson), Eddie Matos (Felipe), Jamie Tompkins (Brandi), Kayla Colbert (Rachel Cuddy), Rylie Colbert (Rachel Cuddy)
Production Code: HOU-704
Summary: A patient is admitted to Princeton Plainsboro suffering from uncontrollable vomiting. In the process of treating her, House and the team make some unexpected discoveries about her identity and are forced to look at her medical history in order to learn the truth about her past. Meanwhile, House gives a less than friendly welcome to Chase’s new hire and a visit from House’s massage therapist causes trouble between House and Cuddy.

Margaret McPherson is at home, alone, during a stormy night. She starts to hear noise around the house and panics, calling her husband Billy. Margaret looks around the house and finds a loose door, but no signs of an intruder. As she goes back downstairs, she jumps as Billy comes up behind her. He assures her that everything is okay, but Margaret complains of stomach pains and starts vomiting.

House wakes up in the morning and discovers that Cuddy has already left his bed and gone to work. When he arrives at work, he discovers that Chase has hired a new fellow, psychiatry resident Dr. Kelly Benedict. House notes that she’s hot, and points out that looks like Cameron. He figures Chase hired her because he still has issues over his divorce with Cameron. Foreman and Taub would rather focus on Margaret’s case, but House tells Kelly to do the differential. Foreman shoots down all of her suggestions and suggests hepatic fibrosis. Taub proposes lead poisoning, and House tells them to check for both.

Next, House goes to buy a new motorcycle and takes Wilson with him. He admits that it’s his idea to have Cuddy go home at nights, and admits that he finds her daughter Rachel boring.

As they run tests, Chase assures Kelly that she’s fine, and House is trying to test her. She notes that Foreman doesn’t like her but Chase warns that he doesn’t warm up easily. They find scar tissue and realize that she has had broken ribs in the past... and lied to them about it.

Foreman and Taub check the house for lead poisoning and Taub wonders why Foreman has a problem with Kelly, and suggests it might because she’s replacing Hadley. Foreman insists that it’s only temporary and he has no romantic feelings for Hadley. He finds a credit card receipt

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confirming she was in Trenton rather than Summit on the day she collapsed, even though she claims she was in Summit.

At the hospital, the team and Billy confront Margaret about her lies. She claims that she just forgot which day she worked in which town, and that she broke the ribs during a university biking accident ten years ago and didn’t think it was important enough to mention. Margaret tells them where she had the ribs treated.

Cuddy is leaving House’s apartment for the day so she can be home when her babysitter is done for the day. House tells her that his message therapist is coming, but Cuddy is surprised to see that the therapist is a scantily-clad woman.

Kelly confirms that Margaret lied about the biking incident, was never registered at the university, and is using a stolen Social Security Number. They’re called to Margaret’s room where she is having a seizure.

Afterward, House confronts Margaret and asks for the truth. She finally admits that she was married to a guy five years ago, and he abused her. Margaret got a restraining order and ran away, but he found her and broke her ribs. She escaped him, but later he tracked Margaret down and fed pesticides to her dog, killing it. She was in Trenton to meet with a support group for abused women. Billy demands to know what her ex-husband’s name is, and she tells him it’s Carl. She warns him not to confront Carl because he’ll kill her.

Back in differential, House pulls up a chair and has Kelly meet with him one-on-one to present a diagnosis. She doesn’t get anything right, and House suggests that maybe Carl caught up to her and poisoned her. Kelly doesn’t believe it, noting that poison is impersonal, but House notes that the ex poisoned her dog. Foreman suggests that Margaret has pesticide poisoning and House orders the proper treatment.

In the elevator, Foreman accuses Chase of wanting to sleep with Kelly. He points out that Kelly had only middling grades, but Chase notes she was editor of the undergrad newspaper. Foreman warns that he decided she was the right candidate before putting her through a full interview.

Billy wonders why Margaret didn’t tell him about Carl, but she insists it was the worst time in her life and wanted to block it out. In response, Billy walks away. Meanwhile, Cuddy asks House about the masseuse, Brandi, and he admits that she’s a hooker. He also admits that he had sex with her, but not since he and Cuddy got together. House insists that Brandi is the best therapist he could find, and points out that she objects to the sex part even though it doesn’t exist. She offers to find him a better therapist, and tells him that she won’t see him until he stops seeing Brandi.

Kelly is crashing to study up on symptoms when Chase comes in and tells her to take a break. She points out that she wasn’t the editor-in-chief, just an editor, and tells him it’s okay if he reconsiders. Chase gets a page that Billy was beaten up. He explains that he found the name of a guy called Carl in Margaret’s address book. Billy confronted the guy and got beat up, and it turned out the guy was a co-worker, not Margaret’s ex-husband. Foreman calls Chase to tell him that Margaret’s fever has spiked, meaning it’s not pesticide poisoning.

Back in differential, House prepares a slide projector and invites Kelly to stand up by the screen. He then projects a slide of young Dr. Chase with his mother... who looks a lot like Kelly. Foreman finally has enough and tells House to stop. Kelly suggests Legionnaire and notes there was an old air conditioner in the apartment. House agrees to test, but Foreman notes that Taub didn’t write up the AC system. He did mention it to Chase, however, and they realize that Chase gave Kelly the idea.

Afterward, Chase wonders what Foreman is up to. Foreman insists that Kelly isn’t qualified and it impedes him in particular. Chase notes that House had him hire the fellow, and Foreman resents it. When Foreman insists that he’s in charge, Chase points out that he has no authority and that Foreman is taking on Kelly because he doesn’t have the guts to take on House.

A man comes into Cuddy’s office and introduces himself as Felipe, a masseuse. With some prompting from House’s cue cards, Felipe convinces her to skip a meeting and get a massage.
However, she soon discovers that Felipe has no idea what a masseur is. When she says that House is her boyfriend, Felipe admits he’s surprised that a boyfriend would hire him for her, and Cuddy realizes that he’s a prostitute.

Chase goes to see Kelly, who admits that Chase has turned her into a liar. He apologizes and Kelly suggests that she should quit because she’s not like the rest of the team. Chase tells her to use her psychiatrist training to read Margaret. Kelly goes over Margaret’s files and then talks to Billy. He explains that there’s no support group for women at Trenton, and he wonders what else Margaret is lying about. Kelly assures him that Margaret is acting like an abused woman, and tells her not to put Margaret on the defensive.

Cuddy comes to see House about the male hooker. House claims it doesn’t bother him, but Cuddy points out that a) she didn’t have sex with him before, and b) Felipe is gay. House insists it’s just a massage, but Cuddy points out that he must be trying to sabotage their relationship before it gets serious. In response, he notes that she hasn’t let him into her home or introduced him to her daughter, Rachel. House admits that they can’t become a couple if she hides Rachel, and Cuddy admits that if House gets too close and then leaves, it’ll be a problem. House notes that she’s also holding back.

As Billy tries to talk with Margaret, she starts hallucinating about slugs and flames.

House wakes up alone in bed.

Back in differential, House realizes that whatever Margaret has is in her brain. The only way to confirm any illness is a biopsy, but Kelly suggests they’re not connected. She proposes that her delusions are consistent with bipolar disease. House derides her opinion, and Foreman comes to her defense. He insists that letting House pressure Kelly is going to mess her up. House backs up, while Chase nods his thanks to Foreman.

As Chase prepares to biopsy Margaret’s skull, Taub stops him and explains that her temperature is back to normal, despite the fact she’s been off the cooling blanket for an hour. Now they are missing a symptom. House wonders why Margaret wasn’t chilled from the cooling blanket, and Kelly says that she slowly reduced power... which concealed the lack of fever. The team realizes that Margaret has stopped vomiting. House goes to see the patient and turns off the pacemaker, and they realize that her heart has stabilized on its own. That leaves the delusions, and Kelly insists it’s a bipolar disorder, prompted by the physical symptoms. House gets an epiphany and tells Kelly that she’s got it wrong. He orders the team to give her two specific drugs and wait a few hours for them to kick in.

A few hours later, Margaret is rational and manages to overcome her delusions. House explains that she lied because she thought she would be cured. She was in Trenton seeing a doctor who gave her risperidone... for schizophrenia. Margaret was never married, and she was out on the streets when her ribs were broken. All of the symptoms were side effects of the risperidone treatment. Margaret admits the truth, much to her husband’s shock. As House goes, he points out to Kelly that she should have figured it out.

Later, Billy asks House what he’s supposed to do. House tells him that she can take a different anti-psychotic, but Billy doesn’t know if he can stay with a woman he doesn’t truly know. House points out that his wife has a serious medical illness and Billy admits that it’s hard... and House says that it’s always hard. As he goes, Chase catches up to him in the elevator and admits that he was wrong about Kelly. House leaves it up to him, saying that Kelly gave him the idea that solved the case, which is more than the rest of them did. Chase says that he will, and House tells him that it’ll be easier for him to sleep with Kelly if he does.

Billy goes in to see Margaret and comfort her.

Cuddy finds House in her office looking for porn on her computer. He tells her that he’s giving up Brandi, and she invites him to stay at her place.

Chase discovers that Kelly is packing to leave. She figures that House has fired her, but tells Chase that it’s good because she doesn’t date men that she works with. Chase decides to fire her and then invites her to dinner.

House and Cuddy enjoy dinner with Rachel... who chews on House’s cane. He has to admit that she’s adorable.
Unplanned Parenthood

Season 7
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Season Episode: 5

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Writer: David Foster (II)
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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Rylie Colbert (Rachel Cuddy), Kayla Colbert (Rachel Cuddy), Jennifer Grey (Abbey), Gabrielle Christian (Justine), Keiko Agena (Dr. Cheng), Charlene Amoia (Dr. Fraser), Kathleen Antonia (Marina), Vanessa Waters (Dr. Taylor), Vernee Watson-Johnson (Nurse Smits), Feliz Miguel Avitia (Crying Boy)
Production Code: HOU-705
Summary: When an infant suffers breathing trouble and liver failure, House and the team must look at the medical history of the mother in order to find an answer, and ultimately land on a discovery that forces the mother to jeopardize not only her child’s health but her own. Meanwhile, Taub and Foreman must find a new female doctor to fill the spot vacated by Thirteen, and House and Wilson learn a thing or two about parenting while caring for Cuddy’s daughter.

Abbey is at the hospital giving birth and complaining that her daughter Justine arrived late after tending to some business at work. The woman delivers her baby, Kayla, but the doctors realize that it’s hypoxic and rush to treat it. House brings the case to the team. As they go over it, Cuddy comes in and tells House that she has a board meeting, her mother can’t come, and her nanny has her daughter’s dance recital. House refuses to help at first, but Cuddy insists that he can deal with the team by phone. When he still balks, she reminds him that he hasn’t hired a female doctor yet. House gives in and says he’ll be there. Back on the case, House suggests that the liver is failing, causing low oxygen in her blood. As the team leaves, House keeps Foreman and apologizes to him for bypassing him and having Chase choosing a new female doctor. Foreman already has two candidates and House tells him to narrow it down to one.

At Cuddy’s house, House enjoys popcorn and cartoons and tells Cuddy over the phone that he’s checking on Rachel. Once she hangs up, House goes to get something to drink. Rachel gets up and asks for juice, and runs off. Realizing he can’t catch her, House calls Wilson.

Taub explains to Abbey that Kayla probably has an abscess of the liver, and if they remove it Abbey can take her daughter home within a week. The baby is oozing from the IV sites, a symptom of liver failure. However, they find dilated biouducts on the scan rather than an abscess. They call House, who is trying to sooth Rachel. Foreman introduces Dr. Christine Frazier, and House immediately fires her to deflate Foreman’s ego. He tells Taub to find someone and returns to the case, telling them to open her up despite the risks. Wilson arrives with Chinese food and realizes why House wants him there. House heads for the door and Wilson tries to stop him,
but his friend is confident that Wilson won’t abandon Rachel. Wilson goes out with him and
insists that it isn’t his problem, but House figures that he’ll give in. Wilson warns that he’ll hire
a babysitting service agency, and then call Cuddy and tell her what’s going on. House agrees to
stay if Wilson stays. They go inside and discover that Rachel has gotten into the Chinese food,
and managed to eat a quarter in change.

Pediatrician Dr. Cheng assists the team in operating on the baby and opening up the bioducts.
However, it’s blood pressure drops and they’re forced to call off the operation. Foreman and Chase
figure that it’s a heart problem, and Taub asks what they think of Cheng as a team member. They
refuse to provide any input, and Chase warns that House will hate anyone they hire because he
doesn’t want anyone hired. Taub figures that he can convince House that it’s his idea to hire
Cheng.

House uses a house refrigerator to try and find any other change, while Wilson checks the
order and works out if any change is missing. He realizes that they’re short a dime, and House
refuses to tell Cuddy in case it causes a blockage. Wilson refuses to get involved and sneaks out
the window when Cuddy arrives. House lies and says that everything’s fine, and then offers to
stay the night to be with her... and watch over Rachel for the 24 hours until the dime passes.

Abbey watches over her baby and admits to Taub that she and Justine aren’t that close, but
they’re getting better. He realizes that Kayla is looking better and lets Abbey hold her. Justine
comes in and sees them together.

Taub tells Cheng that the baby has a vascular malformation, and suggests that Cheng join
the team. She eagerly tells Taub to set up the interview, and he says she may not even need to
interview.

As Cuddy sleeps, House stays up and jumps the first time that Rachel makes a noise. He then
checks her diaper for the missing diaper. Cuddy comes in and wonders what he’s doing, and he
explains that he’s new to changing diapers by way of an explanation.

In the morning, Cuddy leaves for work and House says he’s sleeping in. However, when the
maid arrives, House realizes that he can’t stay there with Rachel. Foreman calls to tell him
that they called off the surgery and House isn’t keeping up. Taub claims that Cheng spotted a
vascular malformation, but House notes that the ALTs are too high. In response, Taub changes
tracks and blames Foreman, but House doesn’t buy it. When Foreman says that they treated for
the malformation and Kayla got better, House says that they should let him know when the baby
CRashes again.

Justine comes to see Abbey and says that she’s different with Kayla. She admits that she
never knew there was an alternative to how Abbey treated her. They notice that Kayla is bleeding
again and call a doctor.

House and Wilson sneak the sleeping Rachel into the hospital and dodge Cuddy. They get
Rachel to a sonogram room and scan for the dime. Taub calls House on his cell phone, but he
can’t a signal so House calls him on the hospital phone. He learns that the baby is bleeding again
and its liver is still failing. House tells Taub to hold as Wilson finds something that looks like a
dime on the scan, but House isn’t convinced and orders an x-ray. Taub tracks down House by
the extension number and House goes outside and insists he’s assisting Wilson. He tells House
that the liver failure is getting wrong, and House wonders why she got better. Taub says that
they gave steroids, and steroids can treat idiopathic hepatic fibrosis. Wilson calls House back in
and shows him a clear shot of the dime, and House proscribes laxatives. He then gets an idea
and tells Taub to hook up Abbey to Kayla for a direct blood transfusion.

Kayla recovers but House has no idea why and they still need to find the cause. Taub has
Cheng provide a differential, and she suggests a deficiency. House agrees and figures it’s an
enzyme or vitamin deficiency. He has them provide blood from another donor, and Taub volun-
teers. House then has Cheng walk with him and tests her on what to do about a two-year-old
that swallowed a coin. She says that a scope may be necessary to remove it, and House tells her
to talk to Taub about the job.

House finds Wilson treating Rachel in the men’s bathroom so Cuddy won’t find them. He
passes on Cheng’s suggestion to use the scope, but Wilson says it’s dangerous and that Cuddy
will be home in six hours. In response, House borrows Wilson’s radiation dosimeter, scrapes off
his code, and exposes it to UV radiation.

Taub tells Abbey that the blood switch has confirmed it’s her blood, and Kayla has an infec-
tion. She admits she had a second child because she wanted to get it right the second time.
Cuddy comes in to see House and notes that somebody left a radiation badge, and it shows radiation which means that there's leaking equipment somewhere. She asks House to babysit while she tries to find the leak, and House eventually gives in. Once she goes, House smiles in triumph.

Taub and Foreman take a sample of the infection but they realize that it’s a melanoma: the baby has skin cancer, which she inherited from her mother.

The team meets for differential and Chinese carryout, and Taub explains that he found a melanoma on Abbey. House is bored with that and wonders how it spread in utero. That means it’s late-stage, but Abbey is too healthy. She must have antibodies that are fighting something else, and suppressing the melanoma as well. That means she has an auto-immune disease and House tells them to test.

Taub takes blood tests from Abbey, who blames herself for taking every precaution except the right one. After he leaves, Justine apologizes to her mother for her earlier comments and admits that she was jealous and angry. She insists that Abbey is a good mother.

As Taub and Cheng run the tests, she tells him that House let him decide. Taub figures that it’s a trap and warns that House always has an ulterior motive. Abbey is negative for auto-immune.

Wilson tells House that Rachel hasn’t passed the dime, and House collects the scope and heads for Cuddy’s house.

As they test, Foreman tells Taub not to overthink it, and to hire Cheng if he wants to hire her. They find tumors in Abbey’s lung and realize she has two kinds of cancer. They break the news to Abbey, and explain that the lung cancer is “treating” her skin cancer. Her blood has the antibodies to protect Kayla, and they can remove the tumors from Abbey since they caught it early. However, once they remove her tumors, her body won’t produce antibodies and her blood will no longer help Kayla. Abbey asks them to wait so she can keep her baby healthy long enough to recover, which will take 8-9 days. Foreman warns that there are other risks for Abbey, including blood clots, but Abbey realizes that chemo could irreparably harm Kayla. She insists on waiting and ignores Justine’s objections that Abbey knows nothing about her.

House arrives at Cuddy’s house with the scope and Chinese food for his low blood sugar, and realizes that they left out the pancakes. They then realize that House ordered extra pancakes the other night. When they factor in the cost, they realize that there is no missing dime. House accuses Wilson of overreacting and seeing the worst-case scenario.

Justine comes to see Abbey and discovers that she’s dead. Later, Taub tells Cheng that Abbey died of an embolism brought on by clotting, which wouldn’t have happened if they had treated her. They harvested the blood and were able to keep Kayla alive long enough to heal. He then offers Cheng the job. However, she refuses, insisting that Taub was a jerk for leading her around and refusing to stand up to House.

Foreman finds Justine holding Kayla and promising to take care of her and make sure she learns what Abbey did for her.

House and Cuddy are sleeping when they hear Rachel on the monitor. Cuddy goes to check it out and House listens as she finds a dime in Rachel’s poop. When she wonders how it gets there, Rachel says, "House."
Office Politics

Season 7
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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Jack Coleman (Joe Dugan), Pat Finn (Senator Hal Anderson), Tracy Vilar (Nurse Regina)
Production Code: HOU-706
Summary: When a campaign manager falls ill with liver failure and temporary paralysis in the midst of an election race, the team must look to the manager’s candidate and his surprising announcement in order to solve the case. Meanwhile, Cuddy forces House to hire a new female doctor, one who has a past connection to Taub.

Political consultant Joe Dugan shows a commercial to New Jersey Senator Hal Anderson claiming his opponent, Moreno, is pro-immigration. Hal objects to the ads, but Joe insists the ad will win Anderson the election. All he needs to do is win at any cost, but Anderson refuses. He notices that Joe is scratching his arm, and they discover that he has a serious skin infection.

Cuddy visits House in the clinic and tells him that he has to hire a woman. When he stalls, she tells him that his new team member is Martha M. Meadows. She’s a med student who graduated high school at the age of 15. House isn’t impressed, but Cuddy tells him he doesn’t have a choice.

House meets with his team, who is looking at Joe’s case, and concludes he has liver damage and a rash. Martha comes in and House introduces her to the team. He tests her knowledge, and she passes every question except which monster tuck won the nationals. Taub suggests toxic exposure, and House sends them to Joe’s house. As she goes, House tells Martha to participate if she wants to be on the team. Foreman and Taub take Martha with them, and break in. She insists on standing by her principles and standing outside.

Inside the house, Taub and Foreman glance briefly at the fish tank and then check the kitchen. Taub is less than thrilled with Masters, and Foreman figures that he’s jealous. He also finds a jug of unpasteurized cider. They go back to House, and Foreman suggests that the cider had e coli because it was made from apples that fell on the ground, and the e coli is causing the liver shutdown. House goes with the theory and tells Taub to take Martha with them, and break in. She insists on standing by her principles and standing outside.

As Taub shows Martha the procedure, she says they should tell Joe they broke into his house. Taub refuses, but then tells her to do it to clear her conscience. Joe is on the phone managing Anderson’s campaign, and refuses to slow down. When she asks if he wonders how they came up with diagnosis, Joe explains that he realized they broke into his house, but all he cares about is results. Joe is amused when Martha talks about honesty and principles. As they prepare the treatment, Joe is suddenly paralyzed.
The team goes back into differential and figures that a clot broke up and caused the temporary paralysis. House notes that Martha ratted out her comrades, and she insists that she had an ethical responsibility. She also suggests portal vein thrombosis, and House throws confetti on her to celebrate her first suggestion with the team. He also points out that she’s wrong, but Martha insists she believes in the rules of ethical conduct for doctors. House insists that rules are for stupid people who can’t make up their minds. Martha suggests a neuroendocrine tumor and Chase agrees, noting that Joe has a lack of judgment based on the commercial, which was leaked on the Internet. They also suggest a DIC. Foreman interrupts House’s ethical debate to say they have two diagnoses, and House orders treatment for both. As Martha leaves, House notes that she’d lie to her grandmother about a present, but not to a patient to save their life, and figures she’s screwed up.

House talks to Cuddy, who insists she’d be mad if he fired Martha unless he has cause. He’s disgusted that she has principles, but Cuddy wants someone on the team with a fresh perspective. She suggests that it might threaten House, who refuses to get defensive and keep Martha out of pride. Cuddy insists that Martha deserves a real chance.

Cuddy returns to her office and finds Martha waiting for her. She’s worried that House has fired her, but Cuddy tells her that House respects strong beliefs. Martha admits she’s not good at working with other people, and she was isolated because she was a prodigy. She insists she isn’t trying to prove anything, but she can’t do everything. Cuddy says that all House cares about is if Martha can help crack the case.

As they run a CT, Foreman and Chase discuss whether to help Martha. Chase doesn’t see the point given the entertainment value, and figures House won’t fire Martha because he wants sex with Cuddy. Joe tells them that they’re not going to find the tumor, and his judgment is sound. Chase accuses him of leaking the campaign, but Joe insists that he didn’t. The leak saved Anderson, and Joe notes that Chase isn’t impartial about immigration. Chase insists that he spent five years waiting for his green card, and figures that Moreno favors amnesty. Joe explains that the commercial uses a speech Moreno gave to Amnesty International, and it worked. Foreman concludes that there is no tumor, which leaves DIC. He goes to check on Taub, who is doing the blood work.

In the lab, Foreman can’t help teasing Taub about his age, and Taub challenges him to one-on-one basketball after work that night. An amused Foreman accepts.

Anderson comes to visit Joe, and the latter reveals that he knows that Anderson leaked the commercial. He’s satisfied that the ploy works. Foreman and Taub come to see Joe and reveal that he tested negative for DCI. They start asking if he was exposed to pesticides on the campaign trail, but stop when they realize that his kidneys are shutting down.

Back in differential, Martha suggests HSP, which could cause clots, and Foreman agrees. House admits it’s a good idea, and Martha suggests chemo or steroids. In response, he says that they’ll just do chemo and not tell Joe the alternative. Martha believes that Joe will choose the more effective treatment, and goes to tell him. He chooses the steroids so that he can get back to the campaign trail, and ignores Martha’s plea to go with the more effective treatment.

Taub plays against Foreman and sinks the first three points. He does remarkably well, but eventually loses by three points. Foreman admits that Taub isn’t old, and says Taub must have another reason for hating Martha.

Martha comes to see House and tells him that someone gave him the wrong medicine. House explains that he set it up, and Martha threatens to tell Joe the truth. In response, House fires her for risking his patience life. If she does tell Joe, House will have her thrown out of medical school.

Foreman insists that they need Martha for perspective and to keep them in check. Chase informs them that Joe has developed pulmonary edema. Taub notes that Joe has a fish tank with tropical fish, and tropical bacteria. House sends them to break into the house and get some samples. Cuddy calls House to his office, and he insists that Martha is endangering his patient. Martha agrees with House, but Cuddy refuses to let her quit. She wants a potential star, and House tells her to find Martha a different department.

At Joe’s house, Chase says that he’s got it figured out. Martha is uptight, which makes Taub feel guilty about his cheating. As they leave, the police find them.

House gets a call from Foreman, who is using his one phone call from jail. House hangs up rather than come to bail them out. He checks on Joe, who is watching Anderson hold a press
House then finds Martha and says he needs her to bounce off ideas. As they talk, they realize that Anderson is blaming Joe for the commercial leak, and firing him from the campaign. House notices Anderson's condition and gets an idea. As he leaves, he fires Martha again.

House talks to Joe and notes that Anderson is sweating and has a red blotch on his hands. Those are symptoms of Hepatitis C, which accounts for Joe’s symptoms. House figures either they had sex, or shared needles or cocaine. Joe denies having cocaine and notes that he was tested for Hep C, but House says that his liver concealed it on the tests. House gives him interferon to treat and leaves.

In jail, Taub, Chase, and Foreman wait for Taub's lawyer. They speculate that Taub had an affair with Martha, or tried and was shot down. When they persist, Taub explains that he interviewed her for Hopkins Medical School. They talked for an hour, but now she doesn't remember him.

House tells Martha that Joe isn’t responding to interferon, and asks what else treats Hep C. When she refuses to answer, House points out that she hates failing, and won’t walk away. She tells him that a study has shown that 15% of patients with Hep C recover after being infected with Hep A. House figures they can infect Joe with Hep A, and fires her, but Martha insists on staying on.

House and Martha talk to Cuddy, who refuses to endanger the patient. Martha comes to House’s aid, saying that they can’t avoid proper treatment just to avoid lawsuits. However, Cuddy wants proof that Joe has Hep C, and tells House that he’ll figure out a way to get it. Outside, House warns Martha that he’s going to do something unethical. He meets with the guys, who have gotten out of jail, and tells them they need to generate a false Hep C. Taub notes the test is 99.9% accurate, and they should run enough tests to generate a false false-positive. House tells them to do it.

House goes to see Wilson and admits that he is concerned that he’s lying to Cuddy and is worried it could affect their relationship. He insists that he’s lying as her employee, not her boyfriend, but Wilson says that relationships don’t work that way. House explains that the patient could die even if he lies, and Wilson warns that he’ll either have to go with the truth and lose a patient, or lie and face the personal consequences.

House gets an idea and calls in Anderson, and does a blood test. He assures the senator that he’ll run the test under an assumed name, and no one will ever know that he was here. House then labels the blood test with Joe’s name, runs it for Hep C, and shows it to Cuddy. She thanks him for being truthful with her, and even agrees to hire a new team member. He goes to see Martha in the cafeteria, and offers her a job. However, she has to prove herself by convincing Joe to agree to be infected with Hep A. He suggests she lie to do it, but Martha refuses. However, House warns that if Joe doesn’t get treatment, his chance of death is 100%.

Martha agrees and talks to Joe, who demands to know the exact percentage. She reluctantly admits that there’s an 85% fatality rate. When Joe balks, Martha points out that House faked the blood test and tried to bribe Martha. She notes that House wouldn’t do that unless he was sure it was Joe’s only choice. Joe agrees, and outside Martha boasts that she didn’t have to lie. She figures that House didn’t want her to lie, but House says he wants her to want to lie to a patient. Martha insists that it won’t happen, and House says he’ll see her tomorrow.

In the locker room, Martha tells Taub that Joe is recovering. She then remembers that she interviewed with Taub at Hopkins. As she goes, Taub wonders if she’s lying to spare his feelings.

House finishes signing off on Martha’s med school paperwork. Cuddy says that she has to work late, but she’ll meet House at home later.

Anderson wins the election, and Joe watches on television as he talks about running a positive campaign. The senator credits one person for his success: his wife.

As Cuddy leaves, Nurse Riva asks about Senator Anderson’s records. Cuddy realizes that Anderson was there, and confirms that he was there at the same time that House got a positive on Joe’s Hep C test.
A Pox on Our House

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Recurring Role: Cynthia Watros (Sam Carr), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Samantha Smith (Lulu), Andrew Fiscella (Niles), Hayley Chase (Julie), Aaron Refvem (Roger), Devon Woods (Eva), Tess Kartel (Geerte), Dylan Baker (Dr. Dave Broda), Leslie Murphy (Natalie), Demetrius Grosse (Hacinte), Elijah Montgomery (Ebo), Neil Sandilands (Captain Vanderhoof), Daniel Colembie (Dr. Tringham)
Production Code: HOU-707
Summary: A girl is admitted to the hospital with smallpox, and the CDC institutes a lockdown. The doctor in charge forbids House's team from diagnosing, but Masters believes he has an ulterior motive. Meanwhile, Wilson and Sam reexamine their relationship while treating a young chemotherapy patient.

On a slave ship two hundred years ago, the slaves suffer from coughing and fever. The Dutch crew has the doctor inspect them and confirm his diagnosis, and he goes back to shore with his log. He warns that if they try to come ashore, they'll be shot at. Once he goes, the crew prepares to dispose of the slave cargo, throwing them overboard. One slave tells his son that his friend will now be his father. The sailors start to take the father away, and the soldiers on shore open fire.

Newlyweds Lulu and Niles are aboard a boat waiting for their respective children Julie and Roger to come up and reveal that they found a glass bottle containing what appears to be feathers. Julie accidentally breaks it and cuts herself on the glass.

At the hospital, House comes in early, much to the surprise of Foreman and Taub. House explains that Julie has smallpox, and that it survived underwater because it was contained in a jar containing the scabs of infected victims. House orders treatment but Foreman suggests that they go with modern tests as well. House isn't convinced.

Taub and Masters put the family into quarantine, and Julie demands to know what she has. Masters tells the family that Julie might have smallpox, and that they start to panic. House goes to do clinic duty, much to Cuddy's surprise. She tells him that he doesn't have to, raising House's suspicions.

Wilson is meeting with a chemo patient when he gets a text from House insisting that what he needs is more important. He reluctantly goes to see House in his office, and House says that he thinks Cuddy knows she faked the lab test to save his last patient. Wilson tells him to say nothing to give himself away, and leaves.
House goes to the lab and Taub says that the tests rule out smallpox. He’d rather discuss Masters’ opinion on what happens if she treats a boyfriend overly nicely. Masters says that it probably means she’s mad at him, and House tells them to run more modern tests and check for antibodies in the joints. He then goes to see Cuddy and accuses her of knowing. Cuddy readily agrees, and says that she was waiting for him to apologize. House insists that he wouldn’t lie to her about anything personal, but Cuddy says he can’t have it both ways and tells him to go away.

In the quarantine room, Taub takes samples from Julie’s joints and discovers white pustules on her leg, which means she does have smallpox. He calls the CDC and House comes in to oversee treatment. He notes that Julie only has a 30% chance of death. Masters finds a regular rash under her arm, which he believes means she doesn’t have smallpox.

In the cafeteria, Wilson discusses House’s situation with Sam, who says that she can understand House’s point of view. When Wilson wonders if that means she’s okay with lying in their relationship, she insists that their relationship is different. As Wilson goes to see Eva, who is alone after the nurse watching her had to go, the CDC arrives and quarantines the hospital.

At the quarantine room, Dr. David Broda arrives and orders House and his team out of the room, saying their suits aren’t adequate. House insists that Julie doesn’t have smallpox, but Broda figures the rash is an allergic reaction to the sheets. The team starts differential, and Taub insists that it’s no longer their case and they don’t have access to the patients. House notes that they have the captain’s log from the ship and can look at the symptoms of the patients. It’s in Dutch, and House goes to contact someone who speaks Dutch. He ends up talking to an online chatgirl, Geerte, who is glad to translate as long as House pays. She confirms that only the slaves were ill, and Masters suggests scrofula, cervical TB as it was known in the 1700s. House talks to Foreman privately and says they need to test for TB, and suggests that they propose a more fatal disease, meningococcus. When Foreman wonders why House didn’t say it in front of the team, House says that he figured Masters would have squealed.

Foreman talks to Broda, who refuses to give him access based on a weak diagnosis. As he wonders what’s going on, Niles’ eyes turn red and he starts bleeding from the nose. Broda insists that it’s not meningococcus and warns Foreman he’s not getting in.

Back in differential, Chase notes that Niles is displaying smallpox symptoms, including a headache, but House figures that it’s head pain, not a headache, which is consistent with TB. House then calls Chase outside and suggests that Chase propose a dangerous treatment so that he’ll compromise with a CT. Masters comes out and insists that they should try honesty, and Broda will respond reasonably. House tells her to try, and once she leaves, he tells Chase to go with his plan.

Wilson talks to his patient, Eve, and explains that her mother is trapped outside by the quarantine, and can’t bring her favorite doll. When the girl refuses to cooperate, Wilson tells Sam to get a doll from the gift shop.

Masters tells House that Broda has agreed to the CT so he can use it to see smallpox on a CT, the first doctor to ever do so. She claims that honesty is the best policy, and House wonders why she feels the need to reiterate her point of view. Broda starts to transport Niles to the scan room, but then stops when he spots smallpox pustules on Niles’ neck.

House is forced to admit that he was wrong and there’s nothing they can do. When Masters objects, House tells her to confirm if she’s so interested. She storms off and goes to see Broda, who refuses to let her check the patients out until they’ve taken eight hours to confirm it is or isn’t smallpox. After Broda leaves, Julie notices Masters standing outside. Masters asks her to get up and show her the rash, and notices she doesn’t have lesions on the soles of her feet.

Wilson gives the new doll to Eve, and Eve agrees to the treatment. She then asks why her doll was allowed in but her mother wasn’t, realizes that it’s not her doll, and throws it at Wilson.

Masters tells House that Julie doesn’t have smallpox because there are no pustules on her palms or the soles of her feet. House notes that Niles does have smallpox, and wonders how it skipped Julie. He then goes to the other team members and tells them that Taub gave Niles smallpox by injecting him with smallpox vaccine. Foreman notes that symptoms can’t develop so quickly, but House notes that his immunity system was compromised when he had kidney cancer six years ago. They can treat him with interferon, but need to convince Broda. House wants Broda to give him permission to give Niles interferon. Broda talks about the last known person who died of smallpox in a lab accident, and the person responsible killed himself. House
points out that there’s blood in Niles’ urine bag, confirming that his kidney cancer is back. Broda still refuses to open the door so House goes into the quarantine room and gives Niles the interferon, and Broda warns that he can’t let him out.

Cuddy comes to see House, who wonders if she’s going to extreme lengths to get revenge on him for lying to her. She insists that she wants him to live. Niles gets worse, and House has Cuddy tell Broda that he’s increasing Niles’ oxygen and get the team down there.

Sam comes to see Eve and admits that she’s not good with kids because she gets scared that she’ll do something wrong, and apologizes that she lied. As she explains that she did the wrong thing to do the right thing, Wilson listens. Sam asks Eve to be really brave and do the right thing, and Eve says that she’ll try.

House tries to conduct a differential from within the quarantine room. Foreman insists that it’s textbook smallpox, and House screwed up going in there. As they wait, House suggests to Cuddy that she’ll acknowledge she’s being petty about his lying in the face of his dying. Niles gets worse and asks House for the truth. He says to say goodbye to his family while he still can, and then wheels Niles over to the window separating the adjoining chambers. He begs Lulu to take care of his son and Lulu promises, saying she loves him. He then says goodbye to Roger and flatlines. House tries to revive him without success.

House warns that he’s in danger and they can’t replace his air supply without risking exposure. Cuddy suggests that they get him to the fifth floor quarantine room, but Broda refuses to take the chance. Meanwhile, Masters insists that they discuss the case. When Taub warns that they don’t have more data, Masters goes to talk to Geerte, who reads about the captain’s cat. Masters wonders if the cat got sick, and Geerte that the cat died and lost its fur beforehand. She realizes that the cat had rickettsialpox, which is treatable.

The team goes to Broda, who refuses to treat Julie for fear that it will push her over the edge. Masters insists that they check Niles’ body for eschars, which would confirm her diagnosis. Broda is having his team to go in to bleach Niles’ body, but Masters warns that it will destroy any evidence. When Broda stands by his diagnosis, Masters tells House to check the body. He’s reluctant to risk further exposure, but eventually agrees. He ignores Broda’s orders to stop, but realizes that he has to remove his gloves. Masters insists that he trust her, and trust himself since he believes in her diagnosis. House removes the gloves and starts examining the body, and Broda sends his men in to pull him away. House finds the eschar, and Broda’s men confirm. Broda orders treatment for Julie and a relieved House removes his suit.

As the CDC ends the quarantine, Wilson and Sam wheel Eve out to be with her mother. Wilson notes that Sam was good with her, and she considers getting a puppy. He responds by suggesting she get pregnant.

Julie recovers and Lulu and Roger are there to greet her. Lulu and Julie both reach out to the grieving Roger.

House comes to see Cuddy and suggests that they get breakfast. He admits that when he was dying, she figured that lying wasn’t such a big deal. Cuddy agrees, but says that’s when he was dying. Still angry, she walks away without him.
Small Sacrifices

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Guest Stars: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Kayla Ewell (Nika), Stella Maeve (Kenzie), Nigel Gibbs (Sanford Wells), Madlyn Horcher (Marisa), Kuno Becker (Ramon), Jaime Zevallos (Marcus), Alan Marco (Victor), Kirby Griffin (Casey), Ed Williams (III) (Anthony)
Production Code: HOU-708
Summary: A patient is admitted to Princeton Plainsboro after reenacting the Crucifixion. Meanwhile House and the team attend a wedding, Wilson’s relationship with Sam unexpectedly changes, and Taub questions his wife’s relationship with a member of her infidelity support group.

Ramon marches down a hill, bearing a cross, as several men follow him. Finally, Ramon sets the cross down and the men tie him to it, and then pound nails into his hands to hold him in place. Once they’re done, they lift the cross up into position, allowing Ramon to look out across the nearby city. He smiles, enraptured, but then begins choking up blood. The men get him down as they realize that he’s seriously ill.

House arrives at the work and Cuddy brings him Ramon’s case. He’d rather discuss the fact she’s mad at him for lying to her, but he insists that he lied to her as a boss, not as a girlfriend, and he did the right thing to save his patient. House isn’t interested in the patient, until he realizes that he has puncture wounds from a crucifixion. As Cuddy leaves, House comments that he doesn’t have to go to the chairman of the hospital board’s wedding that weekend. Cuddy refuses to let House stand him up, and he quickly gives in. She insists that he go to the rehearsal dinner as well.

House, Chase, and Masters come to see Ramon, who insists that he isn’t atoning. Ramon explains that when his daughter Marisa miraculously recovered from brain cancer, it was the result of a bargain he made with God. He offered to nail himself to a cross every year that his daughter lived, and that was four years ago. Ramon admits that his ex-wife thinks his crazy as well. House doesn’t believe in God, and figures that Marisa’s doctors misdiagnosed her. Ramon refuses to give up his faith or let House undermine it.

Wilson arrives at his office and finds House waiting for him. House wonders why he’s late, and asks Wilson what the odds are that brain cancer could go into remission in three weeks. He also spends time dwelling on why Wilson is late, and Wilson lies repeatedly. He finally admits that he was buying an engagement ring, and is going to propose to her at the marriage. Wilson tells House to lie to Cuddy about sincerely apologizing, and House gets a different idea.
As they test Ramon’s LP, the team discusses the chairman’s marriage to a young bride. Taub is concerned that his wife is taking her cell phone in to the bathroom when she showers, and Chase figures that he suspects she’s having an affair. Taub figures that she has a meeting at a hotel at 1:30. The LP shows negative for infection despite the fact the symptoms indicate infection, and Taub notes that Ramon works around horses. If he has a history of open wounds, he could get the infection. Taub and Chase tell Ramon that he has a horse infection, but he reveals that his teeth are falling out.

The team differentiates and Chase suggests heavy metal poisoning. House sends them to check Ramon’s home, but Taub says he has an errand to run. In response, House says that Chase told him that Taub believes Rachel is having an affair, and tells Taub to deal with it. House then dons his casual suit for the wedding, goes to Cuddy, and asks for the record on Marisa, because Ramon won’t let him see it. When Cuddy wonders why she should violate patient privacy laws, House says it’ll be in exchange for him apologizing. He asks for her opinion on the suit, and Cuddy says that he looks weird. When House looks disappointed, she figures he was trying to trap him into lying to her.

As they break into Ramon’s home, Masters tells Chase that she asked Ramon for permission. They go in and discover that his home is relatively barren. They discuss religion while looking for indicators of heavy metal poisoning, and realize that Ramon is suffering from malnutrition because he’s been starving himself. The infection diagnosis apparently stands.

House goes to see Wilson, who has locked his office door. Wilson says he’s busy and finally opens the door, and House explains that he forged Cuddy’s signature to get Marisa’s file. He wants Wilson to look at it, but Wilson insists that he’s busy. House discovers that he has files from Sam’s hospital, and Wilson explains that her boss is doing a clinical review of all of her files before she starts. If he doesn’t help, she can’t go to the wedding, and Wilson wants to propose at a wedding since that’s where they fell in love. House suggests he should try somewhere a little more peaceful, and tells Wilson to look at his file.

Taub comes home and starts checking her laptop. She comes in and Taub claims that she left it on. Rachel says that she saw him at the hotel, and asks if he’s satisfied. Taub says he is, but Rachel isn’t convinced. She finally admits that she met a male friend online, and they met through an infidelity support group.

Masters talks to Ramon, who claims he was on a low budget and dieting. He complains about pain in his legs and smiles, and she wonders why he’s smiling. When she asks why Ramon is smiling, he says that he isn’t. The team gathers to examine him, and realize he’s suffering from neurohecatia, feeling one emotion and displaying another. House suggests they Ramon has a neural disorder that might account for “symptoms” similar to those displayed by Jesus, and they begin running tests.

Cuddy asks how House got Marisa’s file, and he readily admits that he forged her signature. He explains that it’s a present for her upcoming 45th birthday, and she insists that she’s only 43. House says that he read her HR file, and figures that they’re even because she lied. However, she says that she lied to HR and that she’s actually 45. Cuddy warns that she’s not going to embrace lying no matter how he traps her, but House says she already has and now he has to prove it.

As they run the MRI on Ramon, Taub insists that Rachel has only made a friend, but Chase figures that an infidelity support group is the perfect place to pick up women. They spot lesions in Ramon’s brain, indicating MS, and figure they missed it earlier because the malnutrition concealed it.

House goes to see Ramon, and notes that the lesions are in his temporal lobes. The symptoms can include hallucinations and religious experiences. Ramon insists that faith isn’t a disease, but House disagrees. As they talk, Ramon realizes that his right arm is paralyzed.

The team goes back into differential, and House has himself measured for a suit. Foreman notes that the symptoms indicate MS, but Chase observes that the treatment for MS is making Ramon worse. House says that Ramon has a more lethal form of the disease, Marburg MS, and he’ll be dead in a few days. He suggests stem cell treatment, an experimental treatment. However, Chase warns that it’s embryonic stem cell treatment, and Ramon won’t agree. Exasperated, House says that he knew that, but now that Chase has announced it, Masters knows it and she’ll tell Ramon. He tells them to give Ramon the option and see if he’s sincere in his beliefs.
House goes to see Wilson, who tells him that Marisa’s case checks out. He says that sometimes there’s no explanation, which annoys House. House then tells Wilson that according to the clinical files, Sam overdosed five of her patients. Wilson admits that he came to the same conclusion, but Sam insisted she acted properly. House figures that she did it to try and save her patients, and Wilson would have done the same in her position, which means she’s perfect for him.

As Cuddy and House leave the hospital for the rehearsal dinner, she’s less than thrilled at his blunt assessment of the happy couple’s chances of staying together. However, she’s forced to agree, citing New Jersey divorce law. House notes that he’s typically the dark one. As they leave, House gets a call that Ramon is refusing treatment, and says he’ll have to miss the rehearsal dinner to deal with it. Ramon insists that the treatment is an insult to God, but House notes that Ramon hardly followed the proper procedure of crucifixion. House figures that if they find a cure, it will cost Ramon his faith, alone and afraid. However, Ramon stands by his convictions no matter the consequences, and House notes that he and Masters are the same, and they’re both idiots. As House goes, Masters says that Ramon needs to see his daughter, and that in the interests of honesty she should know her father is dying because he won’t take his medicine. House considers the matter and then agrees.

Marisa asks why her father refuses to take the medicine, and insists that God doesn’t want anyone to die. He wishes he didn’t have to, and Marisa insists that he doesn’t have to. Ramon tells her that she will understand one day, but she says that she hates God.

At the wedding gala, Chase suggests to Foreman that they hit on some women, after he’s already taken one woman upstairs. Foreman isn’t interested in being his wingman, and Chase tells him that talking with beautiful women has to be more interesting than watching Taub deal with his wife. Meanwhile, Taub and his wife dance, and he tells her that he went through her emails. Rachel says that there’s nothing inappropriate, but Taub wonders why she can share things with her friend that she can’t with him. She says that he’s more open and honest, and Taub wonders if he loves her. When she points out that he lives in Oregon and she’s only met him online, Taub still insists that it’s painful and she should realize that. Crystal walks away.

As they dance, House compliments Cuddy. She warns him that she needs an apology, not flattery, and House admits with apparent sincerity that he’s actually enjoying himself at a wedding.

Foreman and Chase approach two women, and one of them takes an interest in Foreman. Masters apologizes for bring Marisa in, and Ramon admits that he’s surprised he didn’t change his mind. He believes that he’s going to Heaven, but admits that he has doubts. Still, he believes that beliefs define people, and wonders what they have without them.

At the wedding, Taub apologizes to Crystal. She insists that her friend makes her feel better about herself and about them as a couple. Taub insists that he feel betrayed, and asks her to stop. Crystal refuses, and admits she’s not sure if it’s revenge. However, it is something that she needs right now. Taub turns and walks away.

As they take a break, House asks her what color dress Cuddy would wear for their marriage. When she says white because it’s her first time, he says that’s a lie, and that he found out she was married for six days in 1987. He figured she knew because of her knowledge of New Jersey divorce law. House forgives her, and Cuddy congratulates him... and walks away.

Wilson discusses marriage with Sam, and then kneels and proposes. She kisses him and wonders where it’s coming from, and Wilson says he’s impressed by her sense of morality with the five cases. Sam insists that she did nothing wrong, and is angry at Wilson for thinking she lies.

Foreman spots Chase taking both girls away. He pours himself more champagne.

Later, House, Taub, Foreman, and Wilson gather. Taub admits that he realized all of the hurt feelings Crystal had for him haven’t gone away. House gets an idea and leaves, saying he has one more test to run. He goes back to the hospital and tells Ramon that he ran a PET scan on Marisa. She still has brain cancer, and the doctors missed the tiny tumors because they only did a CT scan. House admits that he’s sorry... and he’s also right. As he leaves, Ramon calls him a bastard and then says to do whatever he wants with him.

The team administers the stem cell treatment. Chase comes in, and apologizes to Foreman for taking off. He admits that he had no choice, because it was a threesome. They spot something on the scans and report to House. House tells Ramon that the PET scan was clean and he mixed her
up with another patient. Ramon realizes that House tricked him, and that God will punish him. House then points out that the MRI shows that Ramon is getting better. Since Ramon is getting better, and Marisa is still healthy, House figures that’s proof there is no God. However, Ramon figures that Marisa was right and God is merciful. When House points out the contradiction, Ramon says that God isn’t an argument.

As House leaves, Masters wonders if everyone else knew. When she realizes that they did, she also realizes that if she had known, she would have been honest with Ramon, and he’d be dead. When she says that she can’t work like this, House says that he can.

Wilson comes home and discovers that Sam is moving out. She says that they’re going down the same path that led to their divorce, and Wilson accuses her of giving up just like she did the last time. Sam walks by him and out of his life. Wilson goes to see House to commiserate, and is surprised to learn that House apologized to Cuddy. However, House admits that he lied to Cuddy, just like Wilson told him to. House tells his friend that he should have followed his own advice.
Larger Than Life

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Guest Stars: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Matthew Lillard (Jack), Sprague Grayden (Eva), Shyloh Oostwald (Daisy), Candice Bergen (Arlene Cuddy), Kayla Colbert (Rachel Cuddy), Rylie Colbert (Rachel Cuddy), Julie Mitchell (Chloe), Nate Witty (Bike Messenger), Rosalyn Sidewater (Woman in Suit), Thai Douglas (Conductor)
Production Code: HOU-709
Summary: House and the team must treat a man who collapsed after risking his life to save a stranger who fell onto the subway tracks, but it appears that there is more to this good deed than meets the eye. Meanwhile, House tries to avoid a birthday dinner with Cuddy and her mother, and Taub gains some unexpected attention and gets some help with his personal life from Martha Masters.

Jack takes her daughter Daisy to the zoo. As they wait to catch a subway train, Daisy complains that he's only been home for two days, but Jack promises that he'll be back in three weeks. A woman suddenly has a seizure and falls onto the tracks, and Jack drops down onto the tracks. As the train approaches, he tries to wake her up. With time running out, he tries to lift her back up onto the platform without success. He finally grabs the woman and lies down as much as he can as the train passes over. When the driver moves the train forward, Jack and the woman are fine. As the passengers applaud, Jack gets up... and then staggers and collapses.

Masters brings Jack's case to the team, complete with labeled folders for each member. She explains that he's the "Subway Hero," but House is unimpressed. Chase explains that House will consider Jack's heroism as a symptom unless proven otherwise, and House proceeds to disprove Masters' examples of heroes.

As Chase and Masters test Jack, he says that he doesn't remember much of what happened until he was in the ambulance. The staff members are eager to take photos of him. Jack's wife Eva arrives and assures him that Daisy can't stop crying when she witnessed her father close to death.

House goes to see Cuddy and notes that they're having a birthday dinner on Thursday, and her mother Arlene will be there. However, Wilson has tickets to a film festival and he's been depressed since he broke up with Sam. House says that he intends to be there for Cuddy, but she guiltily tells him to go with Wilson. She admits that her mother can be a handful. Next, House goes to Wilson and does the same thing in reverse. Wilson insists that House be with Cuddy.
As Taub drives home, he sees a promotional billboard for Princeton Plainsboro using his image. When he gets home, Rachel says she’s seen the billboard and starts coming on to him. Taub admits that things have been tense since she was “involved” with Phil and their on-line chatting. However, Rachel insists that she still loves him and finds the idea of him on a billboard sexy, and starts making out.

Masters prepares to inject dye into Jack, and asks Chase to walk her through the procedure. Before she can begin, Jack’s BP goes up and they get the crash cart as he goes into cardiac arrest.

House decides to hold differential at the bus stop in front of the hospital, where Taub’s picture is posted. Taub boasts that he got laid because of the billboard, and Marketing thinks he has the most sympathetic appearance. Foreman suggests autonomic nervous system dysfunction, but the rest of the team is staring at House drawing Taub looking like Hitler. He finally focuses and goes with Foreman’s diagnosis, ordering a biopsy of the pituitary gland. Masters realizes that House is only ordering the test to prove that Jack’s heroism was a symptom, and insists on her own diagnosis. House irritably agrees to let her waste time testing for her diagnosis.

When Chase tells Eva and Jack the news, Eva asks him to send Taub in. She figures that he must be a better doctor since they put his face on the billboard. Disgusted, Chase calls Taub in to deal with the case.

Wilson and Cuddy confront House, who realizes that they talked to each other. He explains that he couldn’t handle the strain of being a normal human being with Cuddy’s mother, and he’s sick of Wilson’s whining since he broke up with Sam. When Wilson wonders what he does plan to do, House admits he’s going to sit home in his underwear, drink, and watch TV. They tell him to choose and House chooses Wilson. Satisfied, Cuddy tells House that Wilson is also coming to the dinner.

Eva tells Taub that Jack’s “job” as a bass player means he’s almost never home, and she can’t take it anymore. Taub points out that she may have to reconsider her opinion of Jack given his newly found heroism.

Chase and Foreman run tests and talk about Taub, and Chase admits that it bugs him. Foreman figures that Chase is a pretty boy, and he’s a black. The cortisol levels are normal, meaning that House’s diagnosis is wrong. However, they realize that House will make them do the biopsy anyway. As they proceed, Jack’s O2 stats drop and they discover he has fluid in the lungs, indicating pneumonitis. It doesn’t fit with any of their theories.

Back in differential, Masters figures that leaves hearts and lungs. House wonders about the girl that Jack rescued, and figures that Jack risked his life because the woman, Chloe Jefferies, isn’t a stranger to him. Chase and House both conclude that Jack was cheating on Eva with Chloe. Masters believes it’s an infection and suggests they get a sputum culture to confirm. House argues for toxic exposure, and they go with his diagnosis over her objections.

House sends Taub and Chase to check out Chloe’s apartment. As they search, Taub figures that Rachel is attracted to Phil, and using Taub as a handy substitute… three times in the last 24 hours. Taub finds a can of bug spray, suggesting toxic exposure, while Chase finds one of Jack’s CDs among Chloe’s collection.

House is seeing an older woman in the clinic and confirms that she’s healthy. When the woman disagrees, House arrogantly insists that he’s right, and the woman says that her daughter does the same thing. House soon realizes that her daughter is Cuddy. He steps outside to call and tell her that they have a situation.

Taub and Chase tell Jack about the roach spray at Chloe’s apartment, but he insists he has no idea who Chloe is. Chloe comes in and apparently Jack meets her for the first time. She thanks Jack for saving her, and Chase asks if she’s heard of Jack’s band. Chloe says that a nurse gave her Jack’s band CD. Masters then does the sputum culture, figuring it’s not toxic exposure so her theory must be right. When Jack tries to cough up a sample, he has problems and Masters pats him on the past. He grabs his ears and complains that he’s having severe pains.

Back in differential, House reads an article about the Subway Hero, and then points out yet another promotional photo of Taub. House refuses to discuss the ear pain, but Masters insists that it proves her theory of infection. House suggests an acoustic neuroma, which explains the symptoms. He tells them to do an evoked auditory potential test. As House leaves them to it, Taub gets a page from his wife and leaves.
House talks to Cuddy in her office, and she admits that it’s her fault because she never told Arlene anything about House. House figures that he’s ruined things, but Cuddy tells him to come to the dinner so they can average their misery.

Taub finishes up another bout of lovemaking with Rachel in a hospital room, and she says she’s having a good day. She talks about how she resolved a fight with her sister, and Taub notes that Rachel never mentioned it. When she says that she talked about it with Phil, he turns angry and asks if Rachel is in love with him. She says that she’s never met Phil, but Taub isn’t convinced.

Foreman, Chase, and Masters run the auditory test, which shows no early signs of a tumor. She prepares to set up an ear drainage to get the culture sample, and Chase ends up having to go with her to supervise the procedure.

Jack talks to Eva and says that he thinks things can be different. Now he plans to spend more time with her and Daisy, and that he’s been afraid of screwing things up. He plans to give up the band and be a full-time father, and Eva says that she’d like that. Masters arrives to do the drainage and inserts a needle into his spine, and he says that the pain in his ears is gone.

Cuddy, House, and Wilson meet at Cuddy’s house for dinner with Arlene. Arlene constantly criticizes Cuddy as a poor mother, and House says nothing, much to Cuddy’s disgust. When Wilson tries to disagree with her, Arlene shuts him down cold, and then points out that Cuddy is never home. The team calls House and he takes the call. They tell him what happened and House explains that Jack has referred pain. He suggests they try the thyroid or the liver. Masters objects, saying that referred pain doesn’t rule out her infection theory. When House mocks her, the team hangs up on him.

Cuddy serves cake and coffee for dessert, and Arlene asks if House would convert to Judaism if he married Cuddy. She notes that Cuddy is a certain age and needs to settle down so Rachel won’t think her mother is a slut. House finally has enough and starts to go after her... and Arlene passes out. Cuddy checks her and realizes that House sedated her coffee. Wilson admits that he’s relieved... and then passes out as well.

Taub is in the cafeteria when Masters comes to see him and tries to console him about being replaced. He figures that Rachel is using him, and Masters asks why they are together. Taub says that he doesn’t love anyone else, and doesn’t know how to be without her. However, Masters asks if he never plans to cheat again, and Taub admits he doesn’t know. Foreman pages masters to report that he found autoimmune hepatitis in Jack’s liver, and Masters goes to administer steroids.

House and Cuddy clean the dishes and enjoy the peace and quiet. Wilson and Arlene are blissfully asleep.

Jack is giving Daisy a guitar lesson when he has a seizure. He has two more seizures throughout the night, and House arrives the next morning to examine the patient... and avoid Arlene, who is in his office. Jack has a fever, meaning he has an infection and Masters is right. However, that doesn’t narrow it down enough for a diagnosis. Meningitis is the best theory that they have, and House decides to administer the doxycycline treatment personally.

After administering the treatment, House waits in Jack’s room. When Jack wakes up, House notes that his heroism will soon be forgotten, and he’ll be the same guy he was a week ago. When House says that he’s going to stay there as long as it takes, Jack points out that he’s hiding behind a sick guy. House gets up and goes to his office. Arlene is still there, but she apologizes for drinking too much. She admits she can be difficult, but is impressed that House held his tongue and figures that he did it because he loves Cuddy. After warning that she’ll kill House if he hurts Cuddy, Arlene leaves early. When House asks why, Arlene says that she always gets sick around Cuddy or her sister’s children. As she goes, House gets an idea.

House goes to see Daisy, who is visiting her father. The girl has no signs of a rash, and House asks why Daisy is there. Eva explains that there was an outbreak of chicken pox, and House explains that it’s potentially fatal for grown-ups. He figures that Jack is among the 5% of cases that don’t present visible symptoms. House says that he will save Jack’s life, but it doesn’t make him a hero.

Later, Eva comes to see Jack as he recovers. He tells her that the band wants him back and he’s going out on just a few more gigs. Taub comes by and hears them talking. Afterward, Eva comes to him and says that Jack hasn’t changed, and there’s nothing worse than living someone who constantly disappoints you.
Masters informs House that the lab report confirms that Jack has chicken pox. House tells her that Jack is no hero, and that he couldn’t deal with his family. He can’t help gloating that he was right twice, and Masters was wrong twice.

Taub comes home and tells Rachel that they should get a divorce. He can’t handle her feelings for Phil, but they’re his fault because he keeps hurting each other. Rachel insists that she loves him, but admits that she isn’t happy.

House meets Cuddy in her office and gives her a birthday present of sedatives for her mother if she ever visits again. She asks if he’s coming over, and House says that he has to go bowling with Wilson. He starts to back out, but Cuddy tells him to go with Wilson. House then goes to see Wilson.

Taub drives around town until he finds one of his billboards. He throws paintballs at it until it’s covered up.

House sits at home alone in his underwear, drinks Scotch, and watches TV.
Carrot or Stick

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Guest Stars: Patrick Rafferty (Trucker), Melanie Cruz (ER Doctor), Turner Dixon (Delivery Guy), Elizabeth Ann Roberts (Teacher), Grace Rowe (School Director), Nigel Gibbs (Sanford Wells), Sasha Roiz (Driscoll), Tyler James Williams (Landon), Kyle Fain (MacDonald), Rachel Melvin (Winn), Stella Maeve (Kenzie), Kayla Ewell (Nika), Maite Schwartz (Ali)
Production Code: HOU-710
Summary: House and his team must attempt to link the symptoms of a youth offender recruit and his disciplinary drillmaster. Meanwhile, House tries to help Cuddy’s daughter Rachel get into a prestigious preschool, and Chase faces some personal troubles after a jilted sex partner starts pranking him.

At a disciplinary camp, drillmaster Driscoll put the juvenile offenders through an obstacle course in the pouring rain. Two of them, Park Landon and MacDonald, have problems completing the course. Landon finally falls off a climbing wall and cuts his head. Driscoll berates him further, but then complains of back pains and collapses into the dirt. When he asks for help, Landon just sners and walks away.

Chase arrives to discover that Taub, Masters, and Foreman are looking at his profile page. He's surprised to discover that there is a nude photo of him, but he notes that someone has reduced the size of his genitalia. He offers to show them proof, and they hastily decline. Taub identifies the photo as having been taken at the hotel where the Sanford Wells wedding reception was held. Foreman explains that Chase slept with three women there. House arrives, singing, and tells them about Driscoll's case. He now has bladder as well as back pains. Masters thinks that Driscoll bullies kids for a living and suggests he's using steroids. House dismisses her diagnosis and figures she is again bullying because of issues with her parents. Chase suggests that they test for a mechanical problem with the bladder. House agrees, and then leaves, revealing he's well aware of Chase's new profile photo.

House meets Cuddy in the cafeteria. She has Rachel with her, and Cuddy explains that she is getting a vaccination for Rachel, and it's a requirement for admission to Waldenwood, a first-rate preschool. House looks at Rachel spilling her food and wonders if it's the right place for her.
Foreman and Masters insert a catheter, and Driscoll insists that he has to push the juvenile offenders at the camp. He figures the alternative is more crime and a possible coffin, and defends his success rate. Once they have a sample, Masters and Taub run the test. Chase tells them that the website won’t take the photo down, because the hacker put a very small black square on it. He can’t shut down his account because the hacker changed his password. Taub asks if any of the three women is a likelier suspect, but Chase admits that he can’t even remember their names.

The tests show no infection and indications that the pain is from a nerve problem. Foreman figures that House will go for syphilis since it’s a rare, embarrassing disease, and they test. As Masters takes a blood sample, Driscoll grabs her and starts choking her. Back in the conference room, House ignores Masters’ injury and returns to differential. The tests prove negative for syphilis, and Masters suggests that one of the camp kids may have poisoned Driscoll with jimson weed or wormwood. House tells them to go to the camp and test, and notes to Masters that when he gave her tough love, she came up with a decent diagnosis.

Chase approaches Sanford Wells and asks if he can identify one of the women so he can hook up with her. The hospital administrator is glad to put him in contact with his niece, Winn, but is less thrilled when Chase asks for the names of the other two women.

House goes to see Wilson and get an idea of how he can cheat on a test that isn’t a test. Wilson refuses to give him advice, even after House explains that Rachel is too dumb to get into preschool. However, Wilson can’t help pointing out that House cares about Rachel, a charge he angrily refutes.

Foreman and Masters go over the disciplinary camp, and Masters argues that they’re treating the symptoms, not the disease of a troubled family. Foreman notes that his brother became a criminal, but she feels that different kids need different treatment. Foreman figures that they should identify the poisoner, and he can identify the poison. They talk to Landon and MacDonald, and Landon claims that he’s in for shoplifting. Foreman warns that he’ll be charged with second-degree murder if he poisoned Driscoll and the drill instructor dies. However, Landon says that he doesn’t have a future either way. Foreman and Masters notice that MacDonald is suffering from allergies, but he refuses to explain why he isn’t taking antihistamines.

At the hospital, Masters and Foreman flush Driscoll’s system of antihistamines. Driscoll apologizes to Masters, saying that he was taught that a man always owns up to his actions. His heart begins to accelerate and they slow it down. Afterward, the team meets in the conference room, but House is at the preschool playing ground. He notes that they’ve proven that it’s not antihistamine reaction, and they try to diagnose the problem based on the new symptom. Chase gets a call on vibrate, but House tells him to turn it off. When Chase wonders how he knew, House explains that Chase’s profile page has changed again, saying that he wants overweight women to call him. Chase runs to the computer while House tells them to take urinary samples and check for a pheo.

At the preschool, House tells the teacher that one of the children was sick, and he can’t reveal their name due to doctor-patient confidentiality. He tells her to leave and then starts taking photos of all of the toys.

Foreman leaves Masters alone in the MRI to watch over Driscoll. They talk and Driscoll figures that Landon tried to poison. He admits that he tried to get through to Landon but it’s not working. Masters tells him to try telling Landon how he feels, and to understand that the boy never knew his dad and lost his mother when he was younger. Driscoll considers it.

Chase asks Taub to study the expanded photo to see if he can find any clues, so he accuses the correct woman. Taub figures that chase somehow emotionally hurt one of the women, and then checks the camera angles and confirms that the woman who took the photo is short.

When House arrives at Cuddy’s home that night, he offers to play with Rachel in her room. Once they’re alone, House brings in duplicates of the toys from the preschool and tries to get Rachel to play with them. She refuses and eats the pieces instead.

Chase goes to see the first woman, Winn Phillips, who insists that she didn’t take the photo. When he comments on the height, she explains that she tried to take off her heels in the hotel room, but he asked her to keep them on. Winn says that she wasn’t mad at what happened at the wedding, and invites him to stay and check out her heels.

Later, Chase tells the others what happened, and that it took him a while to get out. When House arrives, Masters tells him that it’s not a pheo, and they realize that Driscoll’s condition is
getting worse. House figures that Masters is running out of time to validate her own upbringing. They get a page from the ER and discover that someone else has turned up with the same symptoms: Landon.

Taub checks the two patients, who can’t think of anything that they have in common that anyone else at the camp would have avoided. Back in differential, the team tries to figure out the link. Chase gets flowers as a thank-you gift from the Wells for his generous donation, and he realizes that the hacker has his credit card. The others suggest Driscoll and Landon were both exposed to Lyme disease, and House orders treatment.

Driscoll and Landon argue about what to watch on the TV. Landon refuses to take the treatment for Lyme, saying he wants to wait and see what happens to Landon. Masters says that she’s not trying to break him, and she insists the medicine is the best shot. She leaves the choice up to her, and Landon takes the drug. He starts acting politely, and Driscoll tosses him the TV remote.

House takes Rachel to his office for additional training, and that’s where Wilson finds him. He’s shocked to see House using a dog clicker, but is surprised to see that it works. House informs him that Cuddy doesn’t know what he’s doing.

Chase talks to the second girl, Kenzie, the one who he had a threesome with the third girl, Nika. Kenzie is disappointed that Chase didn’t call her, but isn’t mad. Chase is shocked to discover that she’s 17, but Kenzie insists that it isn’t her and she doesn’t even have online access.

Landon tries to sneak out of the hospital, but Foreman and security stop him. Masters discovers that he stole her car keys. Driscoll cries out and they realize that he’s suffering from leg pains. Back in differential, House is busy painting hot sauce on Rachel’s toys. Foreman tells them that Driscoll is suffering from kidney failure, which means he doesn’t have Lyme disease. House figures that Masters’ theory has been proven wrong, despite Masters’ objections. He figures that Driscoll changed for some reason other than her speech. Taub suggests botulism that entered the bloodstream. House orders antitoxin for both patients.

As Masters gives the antitoxin, Landon insists that he had to get out. When Driscoll says that he’s like the other kids, Landon says that he’s never been in trouble with the law. His caseworker sent him there, and Masters asks Driscoll why Landon was there if he wasn’t sentenced. Driscoll claims he has no idea why.

Chase goes to see the third woman, Nika. She admits that she’s pissed at him, but only because Chase is there and her boyfriend will be back soon. Nika explains that her boyfriend was out of town during the weekend, and shows Chase a photo of him at her sister’s birthday. She says that she made a mistake and she wants Chase out.

Masters checks with Landon’s caseworker and finds out the truth. She takes Landon out for an antibiotic wash and House sits down next to Driscoll. House explains that he’s discovered that the caseworker revealed that Driscoll paid for Landon’s enrollment, and he figures that Driscoll is the boy’s father. Driscoll asks House not to tell Landon the truth.

Back in differential, Foreman dismisses what they’ve learned since genetic illness emerges based on age, not time. Chase suggests that something in the environment set off the genetic condition, and then gets an idea about his personal problem. House tells him to sit down, and then suggests heavy metal poisoning brought on by leaking batteries. As chase goes, House heads to the preschool.

As Masters treats Driscoll, the drill instructor says that he can’t bring himself to reveal that he’s Landon’s father, and by the time Landon’s mother died, it was too late for him to approach him. Masters tells him that Landon needs a father, not a drill instructor.

House accompanies Cuddy to the preschool to pick up Rachel after her playdate. She’s done fine, and the school director says that she may have done a little too well. When she asks if they coached her, Cuddy naturally denies it. House says nothing, and Cuddy asks her daughter if she played with any of the toys. Rachel thinks carefully about it and then says no.

At the clinic, House treats a trucker and talks about how proud he is of Rachel for being an accomplished liar, better than he was at the same age. The patient figures that House is fond of Rachel, but House denies it. As he prepares to give the trucker a local for his injury, House gets a name. He goes to the hospital room and confirms that lidocaine, the local they gave him for his head injury, triggered variegate porphyria. The antihistamines Landon gave Driscoll also triggered the genetic condition. When Landon realizes that he has a shared genetic condition, he
becomes suspicious. House says that a liver transplant can cure it, and Driscoll offers to donate half of his liver. When Landon wonders why that would work, Driscoll finally tells him that he’s the boy’s father.

Chase tracks down the woman responsible for pranking him: Ali, Nika’s sister. She explains that she saw what happened, but it has nothing to do with her sister. With some prodding, Chase finally remembers that they talked briefly at the wedding. However, when Ali said that she didn’t sleep with men on the first date, he took off. Ali notes that he seemed like a normal guy, and figures that he lost his way, so she provided some negative reinforcement. She gives him his new password and starts to go, and Chase apologizes and invites her to dinner. Ali laughs and refuses.

Driscoll tries to talk to his son, who refuses. Landon assures him that he’ll be there for him, as long as he has to wait.

House comes to see Cuddy, who is playing with Rachel. She tells House that the preschool turned down Rachel’s application. House assures Cuddy that Rachel is a smart kid, and Rachel climbs up on his lap.
Cuddy takes her mother Arlene and sister Julia with her to buy dresses. As they talk, Arlene complains that her heart is giving her problems. Cuddy dismisses her as just complaining at first, but then checks her pulse and says they need to get her to the hospital.

House is hiding out in the morgue and Masters wonders why. Cuddy arrives and assures Arlene that they’ll do a full series of tests.

Taub and Masters check out Arlene’s house, and Taub insists that there is no case. He finds photos of Arlene with a muscular Hispanic sexual partner, and pills of Azracon. They give the pills to House, who explains to Cuddy that Azracon is a Mexican herbal treatment for stomach pain that contains lead. She is relieved, but House notes that they found photos of her with a contractor named Jesus. Much to his surprise, Cuddy is impressed rather than shocked.

While she administers chelation for the lead poisoning, Cuddy asks Arlene why she’s taking the Azracon, and Arlene admits that her boyfriend recommended it. Julia knows all about it, and Cuddy wonders why Arlene didn’t tell her. Cuddy is shocked, and Arlene is surprised that she’s shocked.

Foreman arrives at his apartment, where Taub is moving in with him. Rachel arrives to drop off Taub’s mail, and says that they have to move on. He wonders who she’s moving on with,
but she refuses to talk about it and offers him a job as a part-time medical consultant with her brother, Jamie. Taub points out that Jamie broke his nose when his brother-in-law found out that he was cheating with his partner’s wife. Rachel just gives Taub her brother’s card and leaves.

House goes to see Arlene after she sends him multiple emails and text messages. She notes that she’s been checking lead poisoning symptoms on the Internet, and her symptoms match. House admits that he believes she’s a hypochondriac, and gave her a placebo to see how she’d react. Arlene responds by firing him. After some struggling, Cuddy convinces her mother to stay at the hospital but to be treated by Dr. Kaufman in Internal Medicine. House insists that he did the right thing, but Cuddy doesn’t believe it. They’re interrupted when Kaufman calls to tell Cuddy that Arlene is at A-Fib at 170. As Cuddy goes, she tells House that he’s still on the case, but Arlene can’t know about it.

The next day, House meets with Kaufman and tells him to give him all of the information. Kaufman refuses, noting that Arlene requested that House be kept out of the case. Further, he figures that House will eventually cut him out of the case entirely and end up putting him before the M&M board. House then bugs Arlene’s room and listens in with his team. Masters objects, and Chase focuses on the case, suggesting leukemia. House admits that it sounds good, but admits that Kaufman came up with the same thing. He tells Masters to go to Admitting and find a new case for the team. However, once she leaves, House gets back to the others and now that they know Masters is still ethical, they can do the real differential. He suggest that Arlene is an alcoholic, noting that she wasn’t surprised when she blacked out due to alcohol consumption during her dinner with House. He wants them to slip her thiamine pills to treat. Foreman says they have to run it by Cuddy, and House admits that’s why he’s in a bad mood.

House tells Cuddy his theory and already has the thiamine vitamin pills in a bottle marked antacid. They can give them to Arlene without disrupting Kaufman’s biopsy. Cuddy wants to tell her mother what they suspect, but House warns that Arlene will just continue to deny. In response, she insists that she and Arlene have a truthful relationship since Cuddy’s father died. However, House warns that addicts lie. Cuddy contemplates the pills, and then picks them up and goes to Arlene’s room. She asks flat-out how much Arlene has been drinking, and Arlene insists that she isn’t a drunk. Cuddy says she accepts that... and then gives her the disguised thiamine pills.

Later, House finds Cuddy in the lobby. She asks House to do what he has to the next time something like that comes up, and that she can’t handle treating family. Cuddy tells House that he was right as usual and walks away.

Taub meets with Jamie, who apologizes for hitting him. He offers Taub one case as a tryout, and if it works out, he’ll make $50,000 a year. Taub immediately accepts, and then notices that a brain-scan of one of Jamie’s clients has a micro-bleed. Jamie explains that the client was hit by a pizza-delivery truck, and that no one has noticed the micro-bleed. He refuses to hear any doubt that could undermine his multi-million-dollar case and tells Taub to drop it, and Taub agrees.

As House leaves for the night, Cuddy tells him that Arlene is running a fever and House was wrong. Kaufman has rushed the biopsies, and confirmed that Arlene doesn’t have leukemia. House calls the team into a coma patient’s room to run DDX on him. Foreman concludes it’s an overdose, but Masters suggest something more interesting. House stays silent to test them, and she starts testing the patient. Outside, House meets with the others again to run differential on Arlene. They hide out in a procedure room and House explains that Kaufman believes it’s auto-immune. They suspect endocarditis, but the treatment for auto-immune could kill her if that’s what Arlene has. Kaufman has already heard the theory and doesn’t believe it, so House says they need to switch her med for prednisone. Foreman objects, warning that it’s too risky and unethical. He refuses to go to jail to save Arlene, and says that House is losing control because it’s Cuddy’s mother. Chase asks if House has run it by Cuddy, and he says that Cuddy told him to keep her out of the loop. He tells them to do it if they’re fired. Once House leaves, Foreman says they need to stick together and oppose him. Chase says that he believes that it’s endocarditis and starts filling out the prescription for the prednisone.

Foreman and Taub go to the conference room, and Taub wonders if he’s doing the right thing. He’s also worried about what he saw in Jamie’s office, but Foreman warns him that it’s none of his business and could cost him the consulting job. Chase returns and admits that Julia knows
him from a charity event, and Foreman confirms that she met him at the same event. That leaves Taub as the only person who can give administer the prednisone without Arlene and Julia realizing that House is involved. Taub says he can’t, and then gets a call from Jamie asking him to check out a new case. He insists that he needs the job and ditches them, much to Foreman’s disgust.

Taub goes to see Timothy, the boy who was hit by the truck. He tells the boy’s mother, Kara, that her son has a micro-bleed and could die of a brain hemorrhage. Taub insists that she take Timothy to get an angiogram, and she quickly agrees.

When House discovers that his team didn’t give Arlene the treatment, he warns that the longer they take, the more at risk she is. He tells them to wait until Julia is out of the room and Arlene doses off, and then make the switch.

Masters goes to Cuddy and says that she suspects that House is distracting her, and she’s checked to confirm that House is preparing to give Arlene an illicit treatment. Cuddy calls House and objects to his illegal and life-threatening treatment. He points out that she doesn’t want to make the tough decisions, and Cuddy asks if he’s sure that it’s endocarditis. House admit that nothing is sure but it’s the best they have, and asks her to slip the prednisone to Arlene.

As Cuddy secretly switches the prednisone for the auto-immune treatment, Arlene notes that Julia has left to be with her family, and Cuddy points out that she’s always been tougher on her than Julia. Her mother insists that she loves them both, but admits that she has more in common with Julia and likes her more than Cuddy. Cuddy turns and walks away without saying a word.

When Taub returns to the apartment, Foreman tells him that angiogram shows that the aberration on the scan was a bone in proximity to a blood vessel. There was nothing wrong with Timothy.

Arlene has an allergic reaction and Kaufman doesn’t understand why. When Cuddy finds out, she calls House and the others into her office and tells them that she’s secretly put Arlene back on prednisone. However, now Kaufman suspects endocarditis, so he plans to put Arlene on prednisone. House figures that it’s fungal endocarditis and they need to switch to amphotericin B. Foreman warns that they’re putting Arlene at risk by prescribing behind Kaufman’s back, and the poison is dangerous. Cuddy refuses to take the risk, and House angrily points out that she shouldn’t have let Arlene fire him. Foreman, Taub, and Chase all warn Cuddy against it, and she tells him that if she tells anyone, he’ll get her thrown out of med school and destroy her career. Masters tells him that lying about her won’t work because everyone knows House’s reputation. He agrees, but points out that buried in the coma patient’s file was a form forbidding treatment without the relative’s consent. She drew blood, meaning she committed a criminal assault. House kept silent, so it’s all on her. Masters realizes that he set her up, and House says that he’s doing it because the patient is the highest priority.

Masters runs into the bathroom and vomits.

Taub is in the restroom when Jamie comes in and slams his head into the fixture. He tells his brother-in-law that Kara reported him to the bar for hiding the facts, and scuttled the settlement. Jamie plans to sue Taub for slander and everything else he can do to destroy him, and tells him that Rachel sent a message for Taub to stay out of her life.

Masters comes to see Kaufman and says that she needs to speak to Kaufman and Arlene alone. Later, Kaufman confronts House and threatens to report him to the board. Arlene fires all of them and asks for a transfer. She accuses her daughter of lying to her, and says she doesn’t care what she thinks anymore. Cuddy goes to the ambulance and orders Julia out, and then tells Arlene that she sees ambition and brains in Cuddy, and rode her to make sure she could accomplish everything possible. Arlene comes to see her in the clinic because she trusts her judgment, so Cuddy tells her that if
she transfers, she'll be treated nicely and die. If she stays there, House will treat her badly and save her. Cuddy refuses to let Arlene leave.

The staff bring Arlene back in, and she comments that House can't be that great if he can't run a department. He points out that he was being sarcastic, and then tests her with a sarcastic comment. Arlene is unable to recognize that she's being sarcastic, which means CNS involvement. Arlene's heart accelerates and House tries to put it all together. He realizes that she has lead poisoning and never got over it despite the fact they ordered chelation, because she's still being exposed. He cuts open her thigh and reveals that she has metallosis. Arlene has cobalt poisoning from a worn-out hip joint. House gets her to OR for more chelation treatment.

Taub is sitting in his room when Rachel comes in. She explains that Foreman called her, and explains that she didn't know that Taub believed Timothy had a micro-bleed. Rachel promises to kill Jamie if he messes with Taub again, and tells him that even though he was a crappy husband, he's a good person. She hugs him.

Masters is packing when House comes to see her and tells he that she's not fired. He admits that he's impressed that she stood by her principles. House says that he needs Masters to keep him from doing things that Cuddy won't because now she's protecting her boyfriend as well as her doctor. Masters starts unpacking.

Cuddy comes in as Arlene tells Julia that she's keeping the removed joint as a trophy. Arlene then points out that lead poisoning matched her symptoms just like she said, and takes Cuddy's hand.
You Must Remember This

Season 7
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Recurring Role: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Tina Holmes (Nadia), Claire Rankin (Elena), Sarah Davidson (Blonde), Jackie Goldberg (Elderly Patient), J. Paul Boehmer (Husband), Lisa Renee Pitts (Wife), Tim Barraco (Young Cop), Jacqueline Mackenzie (Young Nadia), Amanda Leighton (Young Elena)
Production Code: HOU-711
Summary: Masters tries to mend the rift between a patient with perfect memory and her sister, when the patient’s grudge threatens her treatment. Meanwhile, House tries to help Wilson get a date but discovers that his friend already has someone, and Foreman offers to help Taub study for an upcoming medical exam.

House brings the team two medical cases. The first is Nadia’s, and he explains that she has hyperthymesia: complete recall of every event in her life since puberty. Foreman insists that the hyperthymesia isn’t a symptom, but House thinks it’d be cooler if it did. He figures that it’s a toxin, and Taub agrees. House tells them to check Nadia’s home while Masters and Chase take the patient’s history. As they go, Taub asks about the second case, and House tells them that it’s Taub: he failed his pathology recertification exam and needs it for board certification. Cuddy wants to make sure they keep their high-profile poster boy, so House tells Taub to pick a tutor. Taub chooses Foreman, much to everyone’s surprise.

Next, House goes to see Wilson, who is just finishing with a patient. She tells him to give Sarah a kiss for her. House wants to take him out drinking to help get him over Sam. When Wilson says he can’t, House asks if it’s because of Sarah, but Wilson claims the patient was senile. House then asks Cuddy who Sarah is, but she claims to have no idea.

As they check Nadia’s house, which is filled with jigsaw puzzles, Taub insists that he only chose Foreman because he figured he wouldn’t bother doing anything, and suggests that he might cheat. Foreman finds an empty laxative box in the garbage and realizes that Nadia was dieting. They call House, who is busy breaking into Wilson’s car. Taub says they believe Nadia has magnesium poisoning, but House points out that her BP and respiratory rate are normal. As they talk, House finds a bag filled with green leaves, and a pouch of insulin syringes.

As Masters takes Nadia’s very complete medical history, Nadia explains that she’s no genius and she prefers working as a waitress. House comes in and has her recite the number of trips Nadia is a waitress at a restaurant, and she recognizes a couple from a year ago and identifies the wife’s menu preference. When she describes how the wife was there, the husband realizes that his wife was cheating on him. As Nadia goes back to the kitchen, her legs go numb and she collapses.
and stumbles she’s had. Nadia has had a significantly higher number in the last year. He figures that and her constipation indicate early-onset Parkinson and tells Chase and masters to give her an exam.

Wilson arrives home and finds House waiting for him with a box. House says that he found catnip in Wilson’s car, and reveals Sarah the diabetic cat underneath the box. House warns that adopting a cat is a sign of early male spinsterism, and Wilson explains that the cat belonged to his dead neighbor. Rather than send it to the shelter, he kept it. House suggests that they drown it, but Wilson isn’t amused.

As Masters and Foreman prep Nadia, she worries that the treatment for Parkinson’s could strip her of her memory. Nadia’s sister Elena arrives with daisies, and it’s clear they have issues between them. Nadia points out that she was stung by a bee in some daisies, and then her heart starts speeding up.

Back in differential, the team figure that the arrhythmia rules out Parkinson’s. House is more interested in knowing if Masters would sleep with a man who owned a cat. She would rather focus on the case, and suggests that Long QT syndrome would account for the stress brought on when Elena arrived. House tells Masters to use Elena to provoke Nadia into having another arrhythmia attack. House then goes to see Cuddy, who admits that she lied. She tells House to drop it, but House isn’t convinced.

Chase and Masters watch as Elena and Nadia talk, but nothing happens. He suggests that Masters tell the truth and stir them up so they can get a proper test result. Masters reluctantly goes in and mentions the story Nadia told her about when Elena hit her sister with a car. Nadia gets upset and her heart goes into arrhythmia again.

Foreman meets Taub at his hotel, and wants to do a practice test. Taub procrastinates and a disgusted Foreman leaves.

Masters tells Elena that they have Nadia on beta blockers to keep her heart rhythm under control. Elena complains that her sister has banned her from visiting and says that Nadia never lets anything go. A guilty Masters admits that she started the fight to get her heart rate to rise, and Elena says it wouldn’t make a difference if Masters did explain, because it’s just one more fight for Nadia to remember. Chase calls Masters in to confirm that Nadia’s breath smells like ammonia: her kidneys are shutting down.

As the team returns to differential, House tells Foreman that he’ll be doing all the insurance forms since he has spare time now that he’s not tutoring Taub. If Taub doesn’t pass, Foreman will be doing insurance forms forever. Taub figures that House doesn’t want to lose him, and accuses him of caring. Masters suggests autoimmune, and House goes with that until they have something better.

As Wilson prepares to give Sarah her insulin shots, he starts sneezing. He goes to confront House, accusing him of planting something in his condo to set off his allergies. House insincerely says that Wilson is paranoid, and dares him to prove that House is overreacting by going out with him. Wilson reluctantly agrees to go.

Chase prepares Nadia for dialysis for the autoimmune, and Nadia explains that she only forgives people if the good things they do outweigh the bad things. She starts to have breathing problems.

Foreman brings Taub to his home and sets down very strict ground rules for not touching anything. He warns Taub that if he fails get recertified, he’ll kill him.

House visits Nadia and finds hives. She can’t be having an allergic reaction due to the steroids, but House realizes that she has a severe allergic reaction to the dialysis. She’s allergic to the one thing that can save her. The only other thing that could save her is a kidney transplant, but Elena won’t offer to donate in her current state of mind. Chase describes Nadia’s way of keeping score, and House admires her ability to remove emotions from the equations. He tells Masters to convince Elena to donate her kidney because Masters is the one who screwed up. Masters stumbles through an apology explanation, and Elena agrees to donate a kidney rather than listen to more of it.

Taub and Foreman end up playing video games on break, and Taub finally admits that he choked. Foreman is surprised, and Taub explains that he got a perfect score the first time. Now a lower score will reflect badly on him, and the first test was before he lost his wife and home.
Foreman admits that he often has doubts about a diagnosis and lies awake nights, but things work out.

Chase tells Nadia that Elena is donating her kidney. They perform the transplant, but afterward, Nadia has a seizure. The seizures mean the steroids aren't working, and the tests exclude autoimmune. House asks if Nadia thanked her sister, and wants them to find out. He figures that the free kidney should trump the other bad incidents, and wants to know if Elena sees it the same way or if she's less than perfect. Chase suggests blood clots and House tells them to threat.

Taub takes the practice test and gets a 54%. He gives up and calls a guy who sells the test, ignoring Foreman's objections. Taub insists that he can't handle one more failure, and Foreman ends up watching his back while he buys the test answers. Foreman tells him that he'll come back from it next time.

When Nadia wakes up and Chase explains what happened, she asks him to take her to Elena.

At the bar, House analyzes and insults the women, and encourages Wilson to join along. Wilson notices his batista at the bar, and admits she's attractive and smart. When he says the woman always gives him whipped cream, House tells him to go for it. A minute later, they're heading out and Wilson tells House that the woman wants to put whipped cream on more than his coffee. House orders champagne for everyone... and then quickly limps out the door before the bill comes due.

Chase takes Nadia to see Elena. Nadia thanks her sister and describes the good things that Elena did for her when they were children. However, Nadia bursts into tears and says that she can't pretend things are okay between them. Chase wheels her out and then says that he understands why she isolated herself: she can't forgive anyone because she only focuses on the bad memories. Nadia insists that she doesn't have a choice, and Chase notices that she has choreia, meaning that she doesn't have a clotting disorder.

House is in bed with Cuddy and wonders who he can set up with Wilson if the batista doesn't work out. Cuddy figures that he feels guilty because he's happy and Wilson isn't, and tells him to enjoy his own happiness. The team calls to tell House what's happening, and that Nadia can't let the bad memories go. Masters returns to the apartment and Foreman comments on the jigsaw puzzles. House tells them to do a preliminary blood scan and says that he'll be right in.

When House arrives in Nadia's room, he asks her about the jigsaw puzzles. She admits that she never leaves them unfinished. House notices a glass in position and moves it, and Nadia moves it back. They explain that she has OCD, and hoards bad memories. The OCD is a symptom of McLeod Syndrome, which affects the blood and kidneys. It can be treated, giving her as much as 20 years of life. House tells her that everyone dies alone.

Foreman comes home and finds Taub there. Taub admits that he easily passed the test, and gives Foreman his big-screen TV in thanks. Foreman finally invites him to stay until he finds a new place, and Taub accepts.

Chase comes to see Nadia, who is recovering, and offers her SSRIs. They treat OCD and will make her more like other people. Nadia says that her memory is the only thing that has ever made her special, but Chase says that if she wants to be special, she'll have to be alone. He leaves the pills with her and goes.

Wilson comes home and spots a mouse on the floor. As he chases after it, House comes out with Sarah and says that the mice are for her. He then removes the ragweed from the heating vent and throws it out the window... and leaves the window open. The cat doesn't take the hint. House asks for details and Wilson finally admits that he backed off. He tells House that he needs more time, and House gives him ten days.

Elena sits in her room, crying.

Nadia finally takes the SSRIs.

Taub and Foreman game together.

Wilson lies in bed with Sarah.

House lies awake next to a sleeping Cuddy.
### Two Stories

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At Brye Park Elementary School, children are playing outside and one of the boys gets a note. After school, he goes to meet the girl who sent it to him, and she says that it’s too late. He persists, and she finally says that she’s ready. The boy is surprised and asks why, and she says that she changed her mind because of him. They start to kiss, but a teacher, Mrs. Washburn, arrives and takes them into the principal’s office. She tells them to wait until the principal is done at the assembly. Washburn tells them to sit down, and they discover there is someone else waiting for the principal: House.

**3 Days Earlier**

House and Foreman come to see two boys living in an apartment. They have no idea why House is there, and House gives them a password-protected laptop. He wants them to hack the password, and tells them that he their roommate’s doctor. House explains that their roommate coughed up a lung, takes one boy’s pop and starts drinking it, and then takes out a gun and shoots both boys.

**2 Hours Earlier**

House is talking at Career Day, and one of the students notes that the story House just told is ripped off from Pulp Fiction.
Now
House explains to Zack and Colleen that he’s in the principal’s office for something else. They ask what he’s in for, but he’s rather focus on the fact that Colleen has a black eye. They agree to tell House what happened if he tells them what happened to him.

2 Hours Earlier
House explains to the class that he searched the apartment because he figures that they were lying. The teacher, who thinks he’s Dr. Hourani, asks him to explain what his normal routine is like. House describes the case of him treating a mother of six kids and asks how often she uses a vibrator. The teacher asks him to stop, and House insists that’s his only case. He starts to leave, but the students ask what else he does during the day.

At the hospital, House approaches Cuddy and suggests they have sex. When she refuses, he persists and she accuses him of being a self-centered jerk. Cuddy informs him that she doesn’t want anything more to do with him.

House asks if the class has any more questions, and one asks what a vibrator is.

Colleen asks why Cuddy was so mad, but House insists that it doesn’t matter to the story. She figures it’s the only thing that does matter, and wonders if he kisses her. House insists that they kiss plenty, but Colleen refuses to let him dodge the question. When it’s clear the principal isn’t coming back any time soon, House refuses to talk at all. Zack gives in and says that they were going to kiss, and House wonders if Colleen is a tease. He dares her to prove otherwise by having her tell her story.

On the playground, Colleen publicly tells Zack that she would never kiss him.
Colleen says that it proves she wasn’t teasing Zack because she didn’t promise anything, and demands that House finish his story.

House describes his team going to see the roommate and Chase and Taub hitting on the nurse as the patient coughs up a lung.

The students continue to interrogate House about his story, pointing out his lies. The teacher, Mrs. Corwin, tries to move onto the next parent, but the students would rather hear about the patient. House says that the patient is dead, but they don’t believe him and insist that he continue.

The team tends to the roommate and watches as he coughs up his lung.

House explains to the students that he takes cases that other doctors can’t diagnose, and the roommate is his current patient.

The team goes into differential and tries to figure out what could cause their patient to cough up dead lung tissue. House is busy trying to hack the computer, and Masters suggests that the roommates work with computers and their patient might have been exposed to chemicals. House leaves with Foreman to check out the patient’s dorm, but insists that it’s sarciodosis.

The students realize that House stole Cuddy’s computer and point out that stealing it to improve their relationship might not have been a good idea.

Taub pulls up to the parking lot and Chase and House come out to unload a portable launcher and take it up to Cuddy’s office. The students point out that isn’t likely, and House tries a different lie. That doesn’t work either. The other parents would like to speak, but the students on hearing House’s story.

House fakes a gas leak in the waiting room to knock them out so he can steal Cuddy’s computer.

In the classroom, House admits that his scheme didn’t go as planned when someone held their breath and passed out.

Colleen points out that what matters is why House stole the computer, not how. He points out that she reminds him of someone.

Wilson points out that what matters is why House stole the computer, not why. House explains that something unreasonable is going on and he has to fix it. Wilson gives in and suggests childhood pet names, and House admits he has no idea what Cuddy’s were. Foreman comes in and says that they have a student with lung problems, but House tells him that he’s busy and Foreman should handle it.

When the students wonder why House didn’t take the case, he says that patients die every day, and most of them aren’t interesting.

House insists that Cuddy is genetically designed to get mad, and Zack and Colleen argue about whether she was mad at him.
Zack and Colleen are jump roping, and Zack wins. He insists that she pay off her bet and kiss him.

In the principal’s office, Zack rationalizes that the bet let Colleen have an excuse to kiss him so her friends wouldn’t think she was a slut. Colleen figures that she wouldn’t lose the bet, and tells House to tell them why Cuddy was mad at him. He says that it’s stupid but gives in.

As House prepares to leave for work, he suggests sex with Cuddy, but she says that Rachel will be up soon. She asks him to take out the garbage but he refuses, claiming his leg hurts. As House leaves, he slams the door, waking up Rachel before Cuddy can begin her yoga routine. She discovers that House left the toilet seat up and used her toothbrush.

Colleen points out that House said he didn’t listen to Cuddy, but he insists that she does.

At home, Cuddy tries to explain to House what the problem is, but he’d rather watch the movie.

Colleen says that House only listens to Cuddy so he can tell her that she’s wrong, and he insists that he does it because no one else will tell her the truth. Zack says that he understands, and that he did the same thing with Colleen. House wonders if Zack punched Colleen, and Zack explains that when they were playing hockey in the gym, she took a puck to the eye when he accidentally hit her.

Colleen demands answers from House.

House is trying to get into Cuddy’s computer and hides in Dr. Hourani’s office so Cuddy won’t find him. When Hourani arrives, he tells House to get out, but then takes an interest when House gets into Cuddy’s journal. He gets the key to his office from House and sends him on his way, and realizes too late that House has posted Photoshopped photos of his wife on a lingerie model and hung them up in the hospital.

The students in class ask House who he is, if the office belonged to Dr. Hourani. The teacher sends him to the principal’s office, and that’s why House is there. Foreman calls him and says that he’s confirmed it isn’t sarciodosis, but House tells him to treat it and tell him what happens. He then explains to Zack and Colleen that sarciodosis diagnosis is a matter of exclusion. Zack wonders if House cheated on Cuddy, and House insists that he didn’t.

Cuddy tells House that she wants time alone, and what matters to him is that he’s always right. She wants him to care about her, not just love her, and she deserves someone who does care about her.

Colleen points out that House doesn’t listen to Cuddy, just like she said, and he says that he wasn’t listening. He thought he found a way to convince Cuddy to come around after he read his journal.

House explains to Sanford Wells that Cuddy wants to get Rachel into Brye Park.

Colleen and Zack realize he’s talking about their school, and Colleen tells House to finish the story.

House points out that Sanford is on the Brye Park school board, and Sanford wonders why Cuddy isn’t asking him to use his connections. House says that Cuddy doesn’t want to call on someone for a favor, but he’s got no such problems. Sanford agrees, but says he needs House to do him a favor.

As House drives to Brye Park for Career Day, Foreman calls and says that the tests are negative for sarciodosis. House tells them to treat anyway. Distracted, he hits Dryden’s car but refused to give him insurance information. House explains that the insurance company 100% blames the rear-ender, so he’s lying to make sure the truth comes out.

In the class, House tries to lie his way out of claiming he’s Hourani. Dryden demands to see his ID and they start fighting. They’re interrupted when Ms. Washburn comes in to break it up.

Zack suggests that House just run away, and that he’d do the same thing. Colleen says that he wouldn’t.

Outside, Zack starts to kiss Colleen but then says that he can’t do it like that. He explains that he hit her with the puck, and rigged the jump rope contest so he’d win. However, he doesn’t want to play games, and tells her to tell him when she’s ready. Zack apologizes and leaves.

House congratulates Zack, and Colleen points out that neither one of them are entirely jerks. She tells House that Cuddy likes him, and he needs to stop playing games. The principal, Mrs. Fields, comes in and confirms House is who he says. She asks if he’s insane or stupid, and House explains that he needs to prove to someone that he doesn’t always think of himself. Mrs. Fields knows about Sanford and Cuddy, and House tries to convince her that she should let Cuddy in.
When Fields points out it looks like he’s doing it to help himself, House admits he doesn’t know, but he needs Cuddy in his life and he’ll do what he has to, to do that. He asks Fields if she knows what that’s like, and she says that she does. However, Fields says that it’s time for him to grow up. As they talk, House notices a poster for The Princess and the Pea on the wall and gets an epiphany. He quickly leaves.

At the hospital, House tells Foreman that a bit of food went down the wrong tube and would cause all the symptoms. They prep him for exploratory surgery and House figures that it was probably a pea. He then goes to see Cuddy and says that he really cares about her and Rachel. She’s more interested in knowing why he stole her computer, and he insists he carefully placed it in the garbage so the janitor would find it. House admits that he’s a moron, but wants to do better and asks her for a chance. Cuddy asks him what he claimed to be at Career Day, and House says he was himself... mostly. He figures that she’s upset and leaves to let her deal with it, but Cuddy invites him to dinner that night. House agrees, and shows her that he has his own toothbrush.
Recession Proof

Season 7
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Season Episode: 14

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Writer: John C. Kelley
Director: S.J. Clarkson
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters)
Guest Stars: Adrian LaTourelle (Bert Versky), Ashley Jones (Diane Versky), Tom Connolly (Officer Smith), Mike Moh (Waiter), Frank Drank (Bartender)
Production Code: HOU-714
Summary: A patient is admitted to Princeton Plainsboro after breaking out in a rash caused by chemical exposure at his job. In the process of treating the patient, House and the team learns the man’s wife still believes he runs a lucrative real estate business. Meanwhile, Chase and Masters teach each other a lesson in relationships and Cuddy is honored with an award. However, House may not make it to the ceremony when his patient causes him to rethink his practice and his happiness.

A man, Bert Vesky, cleans up a blood-covered apartment. His cell phone buzzes and Bert answers it, and tells his wife Diane that his meeting is running late and he’ll meet her at the restaurant. Once he hangs up, Officer Smith comes in and tells him to get back to work.

Later, Bert meets Diane at a restaurant and the waiter serves live sushi. Bert eats it despite Diane’s protestations and then offers her a toast. As he starts to talk about the day he met her, he chokes and watches as a rash spreads across his hand.

Cuddy is leaving when she notices House slipping out in the elevator. She tracks him down and insists that he goes to the charity award dinner the coming Friday where she’s getting an award. House finally admits that he already RSVPed despite his protestations, and considers it foreplay.

House arrives in the conference room as Foreman complains that his roommate Taub is wearing one of his ties. House asks how Bert could have had an allergic reaction when all the tests were negative. When he points out that Bert is an executive, Masters points out that the calluses on his hands means that he’s lying. House hugs her and says she’s finally grown up, until she admits she hasn’t told Bert he’s a liar. He tells her to go ahead and Masters wonders how to break the news to him. House tells her to pick one of her teammates to go with her. She takes Chase and tries to get Diane out of the room, and Chase finally steps in and says they want to ask Bert about bowel movements. Once she leaves, Bert asks them not to tell Diane, and Chase immediately promises. Bert says that he lost everything in the recession, and Diane has no idea. Now he works as a cleaner on industrial jobs and crime scenes.

Masters and Chase report to House, and Foreman figures that Bert might have picked up something from the crime scene. House tells them to check Bert’s old office, where he goes to
hang out to convince his wife he’s still working, while he goes to see Cuddy and convince her
to get the autopsy report on the victim at the crime scene from the police. As House steals
a sandwich from a patient’s tray, Wilson asks House why he’s going to the charity gala, and
doesn’t believe he’s claim that he’s being nice. He bets $100 that House won’t show up. House
points out that Wilson is giving him a selfish incentive to show up, but Wilson doubles the bet.
At that, House realizes that Cuddy is paying Wilson to bet to make sure House is there.

Taub and Foreman Taub go to Bert’s old office and haggle about the tie. Foreman finds a
bottle of unprescribed Vicodin, while Taub finds a closet filled with boric acid containers. When
they get word, Masters and Chase tell Bert that they suspect contamination from the acid, but
Bert’s temperature spikes and they try to bring it down before it causes permanent brain damage.
Once they succeed, they report to House and confirm that there was no boric acid on Bert. The
autopsy report is negative for communicable diseases. House wants the Vicodin, to supposedly
confirm what it really is. He samples it and declares that it’s real, but notes that it doesn’t cause
Bert’s symptoms. House suggests meningococcemia and orders a lumbar puncture to confirm,
and find out what else Bert is lying about.

As Chase prepares the lumbar puncture, he and Masters say they need the complete truth.
He admits that he took the Vicodin to hide the pain rather than give away his scheme to Diane,
and then tells them that he maxed out the credits cards and put a double mortgage on their
home. As they begin the procedure, Bert asks them what they did when they had problems in
their relationship. Chase admits that he told the truth, eventually, and it didn’t work out well.

House goes to Wilson and asks him whether he has to donate money to the charity. He wants
to know a way to have fun, but Wilson tells him to just show up and behave. He wonders if House
plans to sabotage it and ruin the event for Cuddy, and House leaves.

As the team runs tests, Taub suggests that he and Foreman get dinner. When Foreman says
he has other business, Taub pursues the matter and Foreman finally admits that he’s on a date.
Meanwhile, Masters complains to Chase that he’s mad at her because she’s a woman and is
offended that he’s okay with Bert lying to his wife. The tests prove negative for meningococcemia,
but Bert’s legs start to swell up. The team restores his circulation before infection sets in, and
suspect serum sickness. House asks the others who is going to the charity ball, and insists that
everyone goes there whether they already planned to or not. Foreman figures that he wants more
witnesses for when he screws it up for Cuddy. House tells them to treat for serum sickness with
steroids and leaves.

In the locker room, Taub comments that Foreman had to cancel his date, and Foreman finds
his attitude annoying. Taub finally tells Foreman that Rachel is meeting with her online “friend,”
and Foreman finally takes pity on him. Taub offers to make dinner, and afterward they end up
playing video games, and Foreman realizes that Taub is letting him win. Taub tells him that he
has to learn to lighten up, and Foreman notes that Taub is the last person to give advice on
relationships. As he points out that Taub screwed up his relationships, they both start feeling
stomach pains.

Bert hits Diane and locks himself in the bathroom. As they try to get the door open, Bert looks
in the mirror and starts hallucinating blood and the walls closing in. Once the team stabilizes
him, they go back into differential. Once the steroids they gave him cleared his system, the
hallucinations stop. Foreman is still feeling stomach pains, and claims that Taub tried to kill
him. He runs off to the bathroom and Taub quickly goes to “check on him.” They both go to the
restroom and House takes Masters and Chase in to continue the differential. Chase suggests a
fungal infection, and Masters notes that the saline they used could conceal it on a test. House
orders a new round of tests, and tells them to check Diane as well.

As Masters and Chase run the tests, Masters points out that if Bert had been honest, they
might have caught it sooner. Chase objects, insisting it isn’t relevant. Diane comes in and they
explain that they’re treating Bert for fungal infection, and they need to treat her as well. When
she wonders how Bert could have got a fungal infection, Chase tries to cover. However, Bert
finally speaks up and asks to speak to Diane in private.

Wilson is meeting with a patient when he hears music coming from House’s office. He inves-
tigates and discovers that his friend has brought in a mariachi band. House explains that he’s
auditioning bands for the charity ball, and insists that he’s doing it for Cuddy’s benefit. House
ignores Wilson and has the band continue playing.

Masters and Chase watch as Bert talks to Diane, and Masters insists that it’s for the best.
When Diane comes out, she realizes that everyone knows except her, and tells them to tell Bert that she’s done with her husband. Bert’s fever goes up and he goes deaf. The new tests prove negative for fungus and spores, and Chase and Masters start arguing over the diagnosis. House wants to hear from Foreman and Taub, and Foreman suggests an infection that has reached Bert’s brain. As House agrees and tells them to test for a tumor, Taub tells Foreman that he’s moving out. Foreman just tells him to hand over his keys and leave.

Wilson and Cuddy meet for lunch and Cuddy admits that she figures that House will do something to ruin it. When Wilson suggests that House might consider a mariachi band, Cuddy admits that it’s a good idea and she’s been trying to get the hospital to pay for a band.

As Masters and Chase run tests in the MRI, Bert asks if Diane is coming back. Masters tells her that she hasn’t yet, and Chase tells her to improve her bedside manner. Bert goes into a coma. The team believes that it’s a tumor and House says that they need to do chemo, even though they can’t confirm he has a tumor, and tells Masters to get Diane to give consent. When she objects, House tells her that it’s time for her to handle things on her own. As she prepares to tell Diane, Chase comes by to watch. Masters wonders if she likes him, and admits that she’s put friendships on hold to further her career. But now she can’t even get a date to the ball. As Diane arrives, Chase tells Masters to be honest, but side with hope. Masters tells her the truth but says that there’s still hope, and Diane asks if Bert can still hear her, even in a coma. Masters lies and says that his hearing is fine, and Diane apologizes to Bert for what she said earlier. Diane then says that she has a secret of her own, and was going to tell him at the restaurant that she’s pregnant. As she talks, the rash spreads over Bert’s face.

Back in differential, House tries to figure out why the rash came back, and figures that they did something to trigger it. They try to figure the connection between the crime scene and the MRI, since both incidents occurred two hours before the rash. When Masters points out that the MRI room is cold, House tells them that he has CAPS, a genetic disorder causing Muckle-Wells Syndrome. They can treat with rilonacept, and House comments that Bert can go back to lying to his wife and children.

As Maters and Chase go back to Bert’s room, he seizes. Masters tries to revive him but Chase finally stops her when it’s clear it won’t do any good.

Later, Wilson finds House in his office and asks if he’s okay. House claims that he’s happy that he solved the case, but has accepted he can’t save everyone. Wilson apologizes, admitting that he’s grown bitter and cynical. He tells House to go home and change for the party.

In the locker room, Foreman tells Taub that he doesn’t have to move out, and he doesn’t want to end up lonely like House. Taub admits that Foreman was right about what he said, and they shake hands.

In the lobby, Chase finds Masters waiting to get a ride with Foreman and Taub. Chase admits that he’s going alone as well. The others arrive and they head out.

House is drinking in a bar when his phone rings. He ignores it and Wilson comes in, and House admits that he’s drinking because he blames himself for all of the patients that he’s lost. Wilson points out that it will happen again, and House wonders why, and then says that love and happiness are distractions. All his relationship with Cuddy has done for him is make him a worse doctor. He asks Wilson how Cuddy is, and Wilson says that Cuddy is worried and angry that House didn’t show up. House says he needs to tell Cuddy the truth, but Wilson takes his keys and tells him he’s not talking to Cuddy when he’s drunk. House walks away.

Cuddy wakes up when House knocks on her door. He tells her that they need to talk, but she tells him to go home. House refuses and tells her to sit down for what he has to say. He then announces that being in love makes him a crappy doctor. Cuddy tells him that he’s too drunk to end the relationship, but House blames Cuddy... while admitting that she’s totally worth it. He sits down next to her and says that he’d always choose Cuddy, and always will. She tells him to go to sleep.
Bombshells

Season 7
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Recurring Role: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Liz Benoit (Nurse Anne), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Brett DelBuono (Ryan), Paula Marshall (Julia), Lesley Fera (Kay), Ken Garito (Todd), Emily Hahn (Rachel Cuddy (Dream)), Beau Dreman (Police Officer), Lee Simpson (Hayes), Chuck McCollum (Urologist), Kai Schmoll (Lawyer), Martha Nichols (Dancer #1), Noelle Marsh (Dancer #2), Allison Holker (Dancer #3), Dominic Chaiduang (Dancer #4), Katie Schara (Dancer #5), Ryan Ramirez (Dancer #6), Chaz Buzan (Dancer #7), Scott Myruck (Dancer #8), Billy Bell (II) (Dancer #9), William Wingfield (Dancer #10)
Production Code: HOU-715
Summary: Cuddy faces sobering news that forces her to reevaluate her priorities, while a series of dreams show glimpses into her relationship with House and her life overall. Meanwhile, while House is preoccupied with Cuddy, the team treats a troubled teen whose worsening symptoms and body scars indicate that he may have more than just a physical illness.

Cuddy wakes up in the morning and discovers that House is hiding beneath the bed waiting to surprise her. After a brief kiss, she goes to the bathroom, but then calls to tell him that there’s blood in her urine.

At the hospital, House is there with Cuddy as she gets an examination... and brings the team with him. Chase finally explains that a sixteen-year-old is spitting up blood and they begin a differential. Cuddy tells them to get out, and House tells Taub to feed Ryan a camera.

Taub examines the patient, Ryan. After he convinces Ryan’s parents Kay and Todd to leave, he asks the teenager why he’s been cutting himself. He then tells House that Ryan has been suffering from depression and using marijuana to take off the edge. Taub orders him to check lead levels for contaminated marijuana and then gets Cuddy’s test results and takes them to her office. They say that she’s fine, and House suggest that she’s worried over nothing and concerned she’s turning into her mother. Cuddy agrees and says it’s probably nothing, and he tells her to meet him in the cafeteria in ten minutes. Once he leaves, Cuddy calls to schedule an ultrasound.

Taub talks to Ryan, who is relieved that the doctor didn’t tell his dad the truth. Ryan figures that Taub has dealt with personal depression, but Taub says that it’s his job to notice things and suggests that the patient talk to the parents. Ryan says that he’d only be doing it to make them
good, and Taub confesses that he felt he was the only one in med school that couldn’t handle the pressure. He then notices that Ryan now has red spots in his eyes.

Wilson performs the ultrasound on Cuddy and tells her that there's a mass in her kidney.

The team goes into differential and Taub suggests that the symptoms began a year ago. House is busy on his laptop, and the team asks if everything is fine with Cuddy. He finally orders treatment for staph infection and goes to see Cuddy. She’s in her office with a lawyer, drafting a will, and House admits that he hacked into her online schedule. However, he tells her that she has nothing to worry about. Cuddy insists that she’s being a responsible mother, and says the biopsy to confirm the mass will be in the morning. House tells her that she should get it scheduled right away, and Cuddy points out it isn’t necessary if he’s right and she has nothing to worry about. Trumped, House leaves.

Taub finds Ryan meeting with a fellow student, Hayes, who wants money from him. Once Ryan is alone with Taub, he explains that he’s selling anti-seizure drugs he got from a friend to Hayes, and that they’re at his home. Taub gives him the money to pay the thug back.

Cuddy meets with Julia to ask her to be Rachel’s guardian if she dies. Julia wonders what House thinks of the arrangement, and Cuddy claims that he hasn’t been with her enough for it to be his concern.

An officer brings young Rachel home, where House and Wilson are raising her after Cuddy died. House tells officer she’ll be fine, because she won’t get caught again. The audience bursts into applause...

And Cuddy wakes up from her nightmare. On the nightstand next to her is a bottle of sleeping pills that she uses.

As Taub and Masters wait for Ryan to emerge from the bathroom, Masters congratulates Taub on doing something nice. Ryan comes out and tells them that he’s peeing blood. The team meets to examine the new symptom, and House suggests it’s a mass on the kidney. Chase realizes that he’s talking about Cuddy, and Foreman tells House that he’ll have to wait until the biopsy. Taub returns to the case and says that Ryan could be using some other drugs, but House disagrees. He orders treatment for antiphospholipid syndrome but agrees to let Taub search Ryan’s house for drugs.

House goes to see Wilson and complains that his friend isn’t with Cuddy, whose biopsy is due in an hour. When Wilson notes that House has been worried about becoming a bad doctor because of his relationship with Cuddy, House admits that he’s lousy at providing comfort. He refuses to overreact, and Wilson tells him that as her boyfriend, it’s his job to make her feel better. House agrees, much to Wilson’s surprise and suspicion.

Chase comes to keep Cuddy company, on House’s orders. After giving her antibiotics, Chase tries to make small talk and then assures her that House will show up eventually. Cuddy notes that Chase doesn’t believe what he’s saying, but says that she does.

Foreman and Taub go to Ryan’s room to search, and Foreman wonders why Taub is so obsessed with the patient. He warns that fixing the kid won’t fix Taub’s own problems. They get a call that Ryan has lost feeling in his right arm, and Taub finds a year book with abusive comments and drawings on many of the photos.

House enters the ruined hospital and finds Chase waiting for him at the end of the hallway. Chase has been transformed into a zombie and attacks him. House valiantly fends him off with his cane and decapitates him with the ax concealed in his cane. As he mounts a shotgun on his cane, zombie Taub and Masters attack and he blasts them away, then goes after Cuddy. However, a zombie Foreman is waiting for him and House blasts him away. He follows Cuddy’s screams and finds her being ripped apart by zombies...

Chase and Masters wake House up and he stalks off, wondering what could go wrong.

Back in differential, House is focused on Cuddy’s case and figures she changed her name to keep him from rushing the results. Chase suggests clotting and Foreman agrees, and they wait for House to approve an angiogram. He insists that he’s not worried and wants to get the results to reassure Cuddy, and then sends them to search for Cuddy’s records. As they go, the others wonder why Taub is so concerned and insist that they did similar things in high school, and to House.

Wilson comes to see House, who is relaxing in the clinic room. He tells him that he has to be with Cuddy, but House says that he doesn’t want to provide artificial support. Wilson stalks off as Masters arrives and tells him that she found Cuddy’s biopsy results. It was inconclusive

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because they couldn’t get a readable sample. House realizes that they’ll have to remove the mass to get a workable sample.

Foreman comes home and finds House playing video games. House asks about Ryan, and Foreman says that they located a clot and are treating. He tells House that no matter how bad House is with Cuddy, not being there for her is worse. Foreman sits down to play, and tells House that when Cuddy breaks it off with him, House will be playing on his own.

Cuddy comes home to find House cooking dinner, and Rachel having passed her college exams. Wilson arrives with a 29th birthday cake for Mrs. House, and Cuddy notices that House isn’t limping and none of what she’s seeing possible.

Cuddy wakes up from her dream as someone knocks on the door of her apartment. It’s Wilson, who has her scans. Cuddy looks at them.

At Foreman’s, House gets a call from Wilson. He hangs up and tells Foreman that the scans show multiple masses across Cuddy’s lungs. The symptoms match those of kidney cancer, meaning it’s inoperable and fatal.

Taub and the team watch videos that he found on Ryan’s computer, of Ryan ranting, creating a pipe bomb, and blowing up a nearby grove of trees. The others tell Taub that there’s not enough to go on. They try to work out what to do for Ryan because the anti-clotting treatment isn’t working, and Chase proposes surgery. They wonder where House is. Masters has checked with Cuddy, who doesn’t know where House is. Foreman goes to see Wilson, who seems unconcerned. He finally admits that he’s worried, but House is trying to make it about himself and he’s not going to play along with his friend. Wilson tells Foreman that Cuddy believes that House will still show, and it’s up to House.

Taub talks to Ryan’s parents and explains the necessary procedure, and then tells him about the video Ryan made. Kay and Todd are more worried about keeping Ryan alive, and tell him to focus on that. As Taub and Masters watch Ryan’s operation, Masters overanalyzes the facts and finally admits that she has no idea what to tell Taub. Meanwhile, Chase and Foreman operate and find the clot. It disintegrates when Foreman touches it with the probe, meaning it’s not a clot.

The Mexican army gathers outside a church. Inside, House and Cuddy are loading their guns, and House suggest they go to an Australian bar in New Jersey for karaoke, shrimp, and fries. Cuddy notices that House is eating candy, just like in the other dreams, and House insists it means that she’s suffering from stress. She tells House that she hoped he had figured out a way to deal with it, and House says that he can do better. Cuddy warns him that it might be too late and they charge out into the waiting guns... only for House to disappear, leaving Cuddy alone.

Cuddy wakes up from her dream and finds House standing in the doorway of the room. He apologizes for not being there sooner, but Cuddy tells him that she was sure he’d come.

Back in differential, the team tries to put the pieces together, and Masters warns that Ryan will be dead in a day if his liver continues to shut down. She wonders if they should call in House, insisting that he can’t do anything for Cuddy and they need him for Ryan.

House holds Cuddy’s hand and assures her that he won’t sleep with anyone for a month if she dies. The orderlies take her into surgery.

The team comes up with the best diagnosis that fits, citrullinemia, and Foreman orders treatment to reduce ammonia levels in Ryan’s blood.

As Cuddy goes under anesthesia, she dreams...

House performs a musical number with the hospital staff around Cuddy’s body. He tells her to be ready for the judgment day. Cuddy laughs with House and then joins in, singing and dancing. She runs up a flight of stairs toward the sky... and finds herself alone in a void.

Cuddy wakes up after the surgery. House is at her side, and assures her that her tumor was benign and she’ll be fine. The lung masses were a reaction to the antibiotics, and they’ll clear up once she’s off the drugs. He shows her the tumor and Cuddy considers it for a moment. She admits that she has a lot of fears, but all of the doors burst open when she thought she was dying. House gets an idea and tells the team to take him off of the staph treatment. Ryan has an abscess, burst of infection that burst when he was hit during basketball practice. Taub realizes that Ryan was hit by PVC shrapnel while testing his bombs. The plastic embedded in his stomach, spread through his body, and one of them dissolved in the brain when Foreman touched it. If they remove the fragments, the antibiotics can do their work.
At home, Cuddy recuperates while Julia tends to her. Julia asks if she’s going to tell their mother, and warns against it. As Julia goes, she says that she put the sleeping pills away and notes that Rachel always calls them candy.

Cuddy goes to see House and accuses him of taking Vicodin. She realizes that he was stoned when he finally came to see her. House admits he did, and Cuddy says that she made herself forget for months. Her subconscious was telling her that he couldn’t get through it without drugs. House says that it’s a one-time thought, but Cuddy says that he takes it to avoid pain, just like everything else he does. She tells him that pain happens when he cares, and he can’t love someone without making himself open to their fears and pain. House insists that he wanted to be with her, but she tells him that it’s not enough. When he says that he can do better, Cuddy says that she doesn’t think he can, and he’ll always choose himself over everyone else because that’s who he is. House begs her to stay, but she says goodbye and leaves.

Taub sends an envelope with the evidence on Ryan to the Trenton police.

Cuddy sits in her apartment with Julia, crying.

House sits in his bathroom and contemplates his bottle of Vicodin, and then opens it and shakes out a couple of pills. After a few seconds, he takes them.
Out of the Chute

Season 7
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Season Episode: 16

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Writer: Thomas L. Moran, Lawrence Kaplow
Director: Sanford Bookstaver
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub)
Recurring Role: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Liz Benoit (Nurse Anne), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Chad Faust (Lane), Cleo Berry (Carnell), Kristin Peterson (II) (Alexis), Kristina Anderson (Isabella), Noelle Bellinghausen (Emily), Katie Stegman (Anke), Candace Kita (Sarah), Kristen De Luca (Ruth), Leanne Wilson (Elizabeth), Fred Cross (Bartender), Eric Almquist (Bullfighter), Anne Judson-Yager (Masseuse #1), Barbara Kerford (Masseuse #2), Jeri Lynn Brown (Screaming Woman)
Production Code: HOU-716
Summary: The team treats a professional bull rider who is attacked by a bull. The team must determine the causes behind the patient’s disappearing symptoms and seizures while taking House’s advice from outside the hospital as he attends to issues unrelated to the case. Meanwhile, Masters develops a crush on the patient, and Wilson and Cuddy wonder if House is letting his breakup with Cuddy affect his professional judgment.

A bull rider, Lane, mounts up at a rodeo and is released into the ring. He stays on for the designated time, but then freezes as the bull smashes into him and then stomps on him repeatedly. After the other bull riders get him away, Lane looks up and has no idea what happened to him.

Wilson comes to see House, who has cleaned out his bank account, gone to a hotel, and is taking Vicodin. House insists that he’s fine, and he plans to spend two weeks enjoying himself. The overly obliging waiter, Carnell, comes in with breakfast and offers to find House anything he needs. House then buys a massage for himself and Wilson, and House wonders what Carnell can get. He admits that he needs help, much to Wilson’s surprise, until he realizes that House means a hooker rather than a counselor.

The team goes over Lane’s x-rays, which show all the metal rods and plates he’s received over the years for his injuries. When Masters becomes interested in House’s breakup. Taub warns her not to, and that they’ll need to handle the case without House. Foreman wants to take the case, and Chase points out that he just wants to do it to get more control. Masters is surprised to learn that House is a Vicodin addict, and moves on to suggesting that Lane had ear damage before the bull hit him. Foreman approves the tests immediately, much to Chase’s surprise.

Wilson goes to see Chase and points out that she knew House was an addict. She claims that she changed her mind, but Wilson suggests she give House another chance because he deserves
it. Cuddy agrees, but says it’s not about what House deserves, but who she can count on. Wilson warns her that House is back on Vicodin and suggests she keep an eye on his new patient.

The team reports to House by phone, and soon realizes that he’s in the bathtub with a hooker. He tells them that they need to test at a higher level, and then tells them that Cuddy is spying on them. She’s been listening in on the conference call, and tells them to keep her apprised.

The team tests Lane’s balance, and he insists that he’s doing what he loves and the bull does what it’s supposed to do. He flirts with Masters, who responds, and they begin the platform motion. Lane easily retains his balance, proving he doesn’t have an inner-ear problem. Foreman figures that it’s a brain problem, but before they can check, they realize that Lane is bleeding at the mouth.

Later, House is in bed with another hooker when the team calls to tell him that Lane has blood in his sputum. House realizes that they’re fighting over who is in charge, and asks who is in charge. Taub angrily tells him to get out of bed and do his job, but House points out that he’s jealous because nobody cared when his relationship self-destructed. He gives Foreman the authority to run the new tests, but Masters asks if they should be concerned about him. House lies and says he’s not on Vicodin, and tells them to run the tests.

As Taub and Masters do the tests, Masters wonders if they should worry about House. Taub tells her that they don’t need to worry about House until he does something other than propose theories, and then notices that Lane’s sclerae has turned yellow. They call House, who has another hooker playing a hurdy-gurdy for him, and tell him the x-rays shows a mass on Lane’s liver. He tells the team to cut Lane open to see what’s wrong with him. Chase and Taub check but don’t find the mass that Taub saw on the x-rays.

The team goes to House’s hotel room to show him the x-rays, and find him in bed with a prostitute named Anke. Masters asks how many prostitutes he’s been sleeping with, and he’ll only say that it’s a lot. House proposes a few theories, but Foreman informs him that they’ve run a series of test. House suggests intermittently swollen lymph node, but Masters warns that a lumbar puncture to confirm could be dangerous. Chase suggests that they tap Lane’s skull instead and House agrees, admitting he just wants to go with their suggestion so they’ll get out.

Taub and Masters explain the procedure to Lane and put him in the MRI. As they run the test, Masters insists that she’s interested in Lane because her brain thinks he’s a perfect physical specimen and wants her to breed with him.

House and Wilson go to the hotel bar, and Wilson notes that House is bored and might do something even more stupid. He suggests that Wilson move in with him, but House notes that he’s being egotistical. He then yells at Wilson and tells him to leave him alone, but Wilson insists on dealing with it together. House tells him that he isn’t and walks away.

The metal in Lane’s body starts to heat up due to the MRI, and Masters suggests they stop. Taub refuses, saying she’s trying to protect him, and holds out until they get the scan. Masters runs in and puts ice packs on him, and Taub says that the images are normal.

That night, Wilson comes to see Cuddy and says she has to talk to House eventually because House needs her. She admits that she loves House, and knows that House loves him, but she can’t fix his problem because she is his problem.

The team goes to see House and his new prostitute at the hotel pool, and he suggests that they remove the plate to scan his brain. He considers the case and then asks if there are any delays when they ask him question. House explains that he’s suffering from missing moments due to
brain infection, and he then goes to the hospital to Lane that he needs to sing. His brain can’t compensate for the mini-blackouts if there’s a preset rhythm. Lane sings and hesitates without realizing it, and Masters compliments House on the brilliance of his diagnostic technique. House, disgruntled, walks off.

House goes to see Lane and explain the procedure, and Lane immediately agrees, even though it’ll mean he can’t bull ride again. When House points out that he loves the sport, Lane agrees but says that he can always find something else to love. Cuddy calls House outside and points out that she isn’t going to agree to the pressure increase. She questions his judgment and House figures that she’s doing it to find excitement. House immediately agrees with her, but insists that his judgment is still better than anyone else’s. He tells her to either have him arrested or let him do the procedure, and she caves.

Chase, Taub, and Foreman run the procedure and expose the heart. In the observation room, House figures that Masters ratted him out to Cuddy. She admits that she does, accusing him of impaired judgment. House ignores her and tells the team to increase the pressure. The imperfection finally gives, and Masters admits that she wrong. House tells her not yet, and they watch as the leak increases. The team manages to close it up just in time. They congratulate House, but are surprised when he doesn’t appear thrilled that he was proven right.

Masters watches over Lane until he wakes up. She assures him that he’s fine as long as he doesn’t get his heart rate too high, and advises him not to have sex anytime soon. She suggests that they hang out, and then realizes that it’s inappropriate because she’s his doctor. Masters wishes him well and starts to leave, hesitates, and then keeps going.

At the hotel bar, House orders a double double Scotch. A sports team is celebrating, and the bartender admits that he wishes he could let loose like that sometime. House watches them intently and drinks, and then goes back up to his room and takes Vicodin. He goes out on the balcony and steps up on the railing. Wilson arrives and sees House several floors above him. His friend smiles and steps off... doing a cannonball into the hotel pool. The sports team cheers him and dives into the pool, and Wilson asks what he’s doing. House asks what you do when you win or lose, and the sports team yells to party no matter what. Wilson shrugs and walks away.
Fall From Grace

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Writer: John C. Kelley
Director: Tucker Gates
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Lisa Cuddy), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub)
Recurring Role: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Christopher Marquette (Danny), Karolina Wydra (Dominika Patrova), Harrison Bliss (Ryan), Thomas Crawford (Bernard), Tacey Adams (Mrs. Weston)
Production Code: HOU-717
Summary: A homeless man with a history of drug abuse is admitted to Princeton Plainsboro with burns and scars on his chest. Meanwhile, Cuddy reveals her guilt to Wilson about breaking up with House.

Two boys in the park, Chis and Ryan, launch a model rocket and watch it launch and then come down in the nearby woods. They go to get it and discover that it’s set off a small fire. As Ryan puts it out, the Chris films and spots a homeless man, Danny, beneath a nearby tree. The fires have spread to his arm and they figure he’s dead, but he wakes up and screams. They put the fire out and he stares at his arm, says it smells like licorice, and collapses.

The team waits for House to arrive, and he soon shows up riding a Segway along with his newest woman. They tell him about Danny’s case and he takes it, and then introduces the woman, Dominika Patrova. House explains that they’re getting married on Friday, and then leaves on the Segway with her.

Danny is eating when Foreman and Masters come to see him. He explains that his smell of sense went haywire a few months ago, and refuses to give them his real name. Danny insists that he’s always been healthy, but Foreman points out scars and burn marks on his chest and back. The patient explains that his father tortured him as a child, and he was never hospitalized because his father was careful to cover it up. Masters apologizes and Danny says that it’s the past and he’s over it.

House scoots around the hospital on his Segway, handing out wedding invitations. He gives one to Cuddy, who says that he can’t have a Segway in the hospital. She refuses to back down until House complains about his leg pain, and she then gives in.

Wilson comes to see House in his office, where Dominika is giving him a massage. House asks her to leave, and Wilson accuses him of screwing with Cuddy. When House insists that he’s only having the marriage to get Dominika a green card, and to have her work as his housekeeper and save him $33,000. He has an ironclad prenup with Dominika in case she tries to back up, and Wilson doesn’t have a response.

Masters and Foreman give Danny an odor ID test and he fails. Taub and Chase return from the park with a drug kit and confront Danny, and he claims he’s been taking vitamin supple-
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ments. They get his name from his books and Danny insists on going, but starts suffering from gastrointestinal bleeding.

House has Dominika give himself and Foreman a pedicure, and Masters confirms that Danny was getting vitamin supplements, just as he claimed. However, House insists that Danny has been using drugs within the last five months because his hair shows heroin use, and figures he has different unrelated symptoms because of his living conditions. He orders treatment for Vitamin A overdose, and Masters insists on checking Danny’s abdominal wall as well.

House goes to get Cuddy to put Dominika on his health insurance, but she refuses, insisting that it’s fraud. He calls Dominika in to give a moving speech about American freedom, and Dominika gives Cuddy homemade kulich. She agrees to sign, but warns that if they don’t get married, House will lose his health insurance. House says he does and Cuddy signs.

As she runs the abdominal test, Masters points out the tests showed that Danny was using heroin. He says he’s been off it for three months, and was briefly declared clinical dead during rehab. Danny figures it was a sign from God. He says that he wants to become a doctor and was smart, and he’s been taking vitamin supplements to maintain his health. Masters discovers that there are thirteen masses in Danny's colon and shows the scans to the team. When Masters says that Danny’s planning to become a doctor, the others figure that Danny is just telling her what she wants to hear.

As they run further tests, Taub suggests that they should boycott the wedding. Foreman tells him that he and Chase are serving at the wedding. They discover that the masses are bones, and they ask Danny about them. He explains that he ate garbage to convince a restaurant cook to give him real food. Danny’s vision starts to alter as he gets extreme tunnel vision.

The team gathers on the lobby balcony and tries to run differential, while House and Dominika play with remote helicopters. Chase suggests Foster Kennedy Syndrome, causing pressure on the olfactory and optic nerves, and House tells them to test with a MRI. He then sends his helicopter to attack Cuddy and two donors, and Cuddy covers by claiming that they let children play with RC helicopters.

As they run the MRI, Danny complains about claustrophobia. Taub snaps at him, and Chase suggests that he show Danny a little respect. Chase believes that Danny wants a second chance because of his faith in God. However, Taub figures that Danny is sucking in Chase the same way he is with Masters, telling them both what they want to hear. Danny starts vomiting, and they confirm that he has two dark spots in his parietal cortex. They report to House, who is playing ping pong with Dominika, against Chase and Foreman. House figures that he has mental illness that the doctors in ER didn’t pick up, but Masters wants to do more than just put him back out on the street as a crazy man.

That night, Wilson comes to see House and tells him that he needs to figure out how to break up with Cuddy without it affecting their working relationship. House is confident that Cuddy feels guilty and he can use that to get what he wants, but Wilson puts out that he’s attacking someone who isn’t fighting back.

Taub comes back to see Danny, and tells Masters that he's a hockey fan. He starts writing a report with a hockey pen, but Danny says that he hates hockey, disproving Taub’s suspicion that Danny is trying to suck up to him. Danny starts complaining about a burning sensation in his uninjured left arm.

House arrives at work in a monster truck and offers to take the teams for a drive while they run differential. As he speeds through traffic, they realize that the burning arm can’t be a symptom of schizophrenia because they’re treating for that. House figures that it’s genetic, but isn’t interested in interrupting his honeymoon to deal with it. He tells them to track down Danny's parents and check the family history.

Later, Taub comes to see House and tells him that he tracked down Danny’s father. He lives 30 minutes from the hospital, and Chase and Masters are already going there to talk to the father. Taub then asks why House didn’t invite him to the wedding, and House notes that he objected to the mock wedding. Dominika emerges from beneath House’s desk, and a speechless Taub quickly gets out despite House’s claim that Dominika was just installing a cable. She says that she feels sorry for Taub and wonders if they can do something for him.

Masters and Chase talk to Danny’s father, who is upset when they try to ask him about Danny. He finally tells them that his son Danny died three months ago of a drug overdose.
House goes to see Danny and asks for his real name, but Danny refuses to say, or give his father’s name. He admits that his father is looking for him, and is claiming that he’s cleaned up and sober. Danny doesn’t believe it and doesn’t want him to be part of his life, and says that if he does see his father, he’ll kill him. Danny then reaches for a glass of water but discovers that he no longer has depth perception. He has cerebellar ataxia, and House leaves and tells Masters that it signifies early-onset Parkinson’s. House tells her to confirm with a DNA test.

Wilson goes to see Cuddy and complains that House is turning things upside down. She is unimpressed, and Wilson warns that appeasement isn’t the answer. Cuddy asks why Wilson cares, and he says that Cuddy is the only boss that can handle House. He tells her to start kicking House’s butt. She goes to tell House that he can’t use the chapel for his wedding. House tries to make her feel guilty by saying it will upset his wedding plans, but she tells him it’s not her problem and leaves.

Masters goes to test Danny, who tells her that she should have let him die. He explains that he overdosed because he tried to kill himself, and he did so because he’s done horrible things. When he didn’t die, Danny thought that God forgave him, but now he believes that God kept him alive to suffer. Masters insists that he doesn’t deserve to die, and Danny tells her that he almost killed his girlfriend in college when he started beating her for no reason. He insists that he’s a monster, just like his father, and then passes out as his heart fails from cardiomyopathy.

Back in differential, House wonders why Danny is getting worse since he was admitted to the hospital. House sees a man going by with hospital food and checks Danny’s card. He realizes that Danny is eating vegetarian because he can, and he’s suffering from adult refsum disease, preventing him from processing the excess phytanic acid. House tells them to give Danny a plasma treatment and check his blood, and then goes to his wedding.

House is holding the wedding at his apartment, with Taub as his ring bearer. As Chase does the honors and administers the vows, Cuddy goes to the bedroom, and Wilson follows her in to find her crying. She admits that the wedding got to her, but she won’t give House the satisfaction of leaving. Wilson points out that things are getting back to normal.

Masters tells Danny that he’ll be fine as long as he checks his diet, and he thanks her for not giving up on him. She insists that he’s not a bad person, and suggests that he talk to a professional once he’s released. Danny figures that God has a plan for him, and his illness was a way of testing his resolve. As Masters leaves, Danny says that "Danny" isn’t his real name, and she says that it doesn’t matter.

At home, Dominika tells House that he likes her, and he says that likes her too. She kisses him and he starts to kiss back, but then he stops and says he never sleeps with married women. He tells her to take the couch and goes to his own bed.

The next day, Masters arrives at work and discovers that Danny has disappeared without checking out. The FBI are there because when they sent Danny’s DNA out for testing, it turned out that he’s a serial killer who eats his victims... and they saved him. Advertisement
The Dig

Season 7
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Season Episode: 18

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Writer: David Hoselton, Sara Hess
Director: Matt Shakman
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Jesse Spencer (Dr. Robert Chase), Peter Jacobson (Dr. Chris Taub), Olivia Wilde (Thirteen)
Recurring Role: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Jennifer Crystal Foley (Rachel Taub), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Terry Maratos (Brian), Justin Chon (Harold Lam), Kimberlee Peterson (Nina), Zena Grey (Ruby)
Production Code: HOU-718
Summary: House’s encounter with an ex-employee who’s disappeared for a whole year reveals some dark secrets. Along the way they travel to a spud-gun competition so House can do battle with a younger rival. Meanwhile, the team must find a cure for a science teacher suffering from respiratory distress whose house is filled with junk, and Taub tries his hand at dating.

House pulls up outside a prison and pays a waiting cab driver to leave. He then opens a case and checks the time. A buzzer goes off and Thirteen is released. She sees House and comes over, and he offers her a martini from the case. Thirteen drinks it and hands the glass back.

House and Thirteen drive down the road and he asks what she did to get herself in prison. She says that she was arrested for excessive prescribing, but House knows that there’s more to it than that, and wants to know why she plead down to that charge.

Masters wants the team to take on the case of a science teacher who started coughing up blood in homeroom. House sends a page saying he’ll be gone for three days and Masters’ teammates are quick to take advantage of their vacation. However, House has been listening in and tells them to describe the case. He avoids telling them that Hadley is in the car with him. They describe the symptoms, insisting it’s just a nosebleed and fever, but Masters suggest exposure to ammonia and House tells them to test. He informs them that he’s heading to a chili cook-off in Schenectady while Dominika is with her boyfriend. After he hangs up, House refuses to drop her off and heads for the cook-off, explaining that there’s also a spud-gun competition.

Masters and Chase check on the patient, Brian, who admits that he had nosebleeds. He was hit in the nose during volleyball warm-ups, and Chase figures he got a serratia infection from a dirty shower. As Chase leaves to check the shower for red bacteria, Brian coughs up what is clearly blood.

Thirteen wants to know what House wants, and he notes that her license is suspended and she doesn’t have a job to come back to. She insists that the medical board hearing will get her reinstated, and House figures that she needs some clothes in the meantime. He stops off at a mall and considers her problem while she changes. House figures that she was running a medical consulting business a sympathetic under-class, but Thirteen denies it. When she wonders why
House is bringing her to the competition, he tells her that she came in fourth at a science fair with a clean combustion project. House wants her expertise to help him beat the first-place winner four years straight, Harold Lam. She agrees to help him, but says she needs to make a personal stop and refuses to explain further.

Taub and Foreman go to Brian's home, and Foreman wonders where Taub went the previous night. Taub admits that he went out on a date with the new CNA, Ruby. They go in and find Brian's home filled with piles and piles of junk. The electricity, water, and gas are turned off, but Brian is getting electricity for his refrigerator from his neighbor. Inside is a dead cat and rotting food, and Foreman figures that Brian has aspergillosis as a result.

Thirteen directs House to a suburban home, while House continues to speculate why she ended up in prison. She knocks on the door, and knees a man in the groin when he answers. Thirteen then bends over and talks to him, gets up, and walks back to the car. She doesn't offer an explanation, and says she wants to get something to eat.

Foreman and Taub talk to Brian about his home. He insists that he's not a hoarder, but they say he needs a psych evaluation and point out that he collects earwax.

Thirteen and House get something to eat, and she asks why House didn’t send Lucas to investigate her. House breaks the news that he was dating Cuddy, but Thirteen doesn’t believe it at first. She quickly realizes that House is telling the truth, and asks if he’s okay. House says that he’s fine and insists that it’s not a big deal. Thirteen then tells House that she killed a man.

The psych eval turns up negative, and the tests prove negative for aspergillosis. Brian is getting worse in the hospital, meaning that it isn't environmental. However, Foreman suggests that since Brian was using a gas heater, leaking the carbon monoxide and improving his lung capacity. Someone has to go to Brian's house to test, and Masters volunteers herself and Chase.

Thirteen takes over driving, but refuses to answer House’s questions about why she said she killed a man.

Foreman talks to Ruby and asks how Taub got her to go out with him. She doesn’t see that it’s any of Foreman's business, but finally admit that they had a date that night but Taub cancelled.

Thirteen tests House’s spud-gun and says that it sucks.

Chase and Masters examine Brian’s home, and she’s fascinated with how it’s Brian’s interactive life history. Chase doesn’t see it that way, and confirms that there’s no carbon monoxide. He does find raccoon scat, suggesting Q fever, and Masters admits that it fits. She keeps looking and finds a girl, Nina, hiding beneath a sheet. The woman is Brian’s wife, and they take her to the hospital. Chase explains that they’re going to treat both of them for Q fever. Brian explains that his wife is the hoarder, and he stays with her because he loves her.

House and Thirteen go to a hardware store for parts. While House continues to speculate on why Thirteen was in prison, she decides to go for raw power to beat Harold.

Foreman waits until Taub is in the locker room shower and then checks his cell phone. When Chase arrives, Foreman explains that Taub has broken up with Ruby to meet with another woman, and they’ll be at Foreman's apartment that night when he would normally be in the gym.

When Thirteen and House arrive at the contest site, Harold is waiting with them. He fires off a warning shot, impressing Thirteen with his firepower. After he and House exchange veiled insults, House introduces Thirteen as a famous Russian physicist. When that doesn’t work, he tries introducing Thirteen as the physicist’s daughter. That doesn’t work when Thirteen accidentally fires her gun.

Foreman comes back to the apartment early and finds Taub on the sofa... with his wife, Rachel.

At their motel room, Thirteen brings in several rhubarb pies and explains that they’re going rogue and replacing the spud gun with disks made out of the pie tins. As they eat the pies, House insists that Thirteen tell him what happened. When she still refuses, House offers to make some calls to expedite her board hearing, and warns that he can hire an assistant to replace her. Thirteen finally admits that she met a guy on a date and he OD’d. She ended up doing time for it, and he died.

At the hospital, Masters checks on Nina and Brian as they undergo Q fever treatment. Brian explains that he loves Nina’s ability to see the story in everything, even junk, and it makes his life better. Masters confirms that he’s doing better, but Nina has a heart attack.
House wakes up when he hears Thirteen at the window, sobbing. He rolls over and leaves her alone.

The next morning, House calls in to get an update. Taub notes that Q fever wouldn't cause Nina's heart attack. House figures the hoarding is a symptom and Taub says they should do a MRI, while Foreman suggests hydrogen sulfide. House tells them to test, and Foreman and Taub pawn off the return trip to test for hydrogen sulfide on Masters and Chase.

At the contest, House and Thirteen are preparing to fire their gun when she mentions that her father used to take "us" to the county fair. House realizes that she has a sibling that Thirteen has never mentioned, and that she's slipped up because the sibling is on her mind. He deduces that she euthanized her brother, who has the same genetic disease, and that the man she attacked was the doctor who wouldn't cover it up. Thirteen says that the man was actually her cellmate's cheating boyfriend, but everything else was true. She congratulates House and walks away.

As Foreman and Taub run the MRI on Nina, Foreman accuses Taub of messing with Rachel both physically and mentally. The MRI turns up negative, disproving Taub's diagnosis.

At the house, Masters and Chase look around, and chase notes that she is able to interact with humans without actually interacting with a human. The hydrogen sulfide tests prove negative, and Chase leaves while Masters goes through Nina's yearbook and her cheerleader photos.

House approaches Thirteen, who explains that her brother couldn't do it himself. He was slowly losing his mind, but managed to ask her to kill him. She used drugs, keeping the authorities from tying her directly to the injection, but they confirmed that she obtained the drugs. Thirteen says that one day it will be her, and there will be nobody for her. House doesn't have anything to say, and Thirteen accuses him of a total lack of emotional involvement. She says that it's no wonder that Cuddy broke up with him. House turns and goes without a word.

At the shooting grounds, Harold mocks House, asking if he can hit on Thirteen. House turns toward him, pointing the spud gun, and Harold says that he wouldn't dare.

Later, Thirteen picks up House as he's released from jail. She offers him a can of pop instead of a martini, and House explains that he got off with a warning because Harold felt up the sheriff's daughter at the potato mixer the night before. Thirteen accuses him of always getting his way, and House points out that today would have been his one-year anniversary with Cuddy.

Masters goes to see Brian and Nina and says that the oldest hoarded item she found was a set of baby pajamas. She confirms that the couple is infertile and calls in to House, saying they have a new symptom. House points out that if the infertility is Brian's, it doesn't help them with Nina. Thirteen speaks up, much to the team's surprise, and suggests that Nina didn't have kids for another reason. House says they can talk to her more on Monday when she comes in. Masters goes to tell Brian and Nina that she has Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, which causes miscarriages and accounts for the other symptoms. Nina admits that she hid three miscarriages from Brian, and the miscarriages triggered the hoarding. They can treat the physical symptoms, but the hoarding requires psychological treatment. Brian is shocked that Nina lied to him for nine years, and she admits that she was worried that he'd lose her. He points out that he's never done anything to make her think that and walks out.

Taub meets with Rachel and says that he's being selfish and they need to break up. She refuses, insisting that they've been doing things right and proper and all it got them was a ruined marriage. What they have is confusing and dirty, and she wants to see where it goes. Taub points out that it's kind of weird, but Rachel doesn't care and they make love.

Brian comes back to Nina and takes her hand.

House drives Thirteen back to her apartment and asks her for gas money. As she pauses, House tells her that he'll kill her when the time comes, if she wants him to. He even offers to do it now. Thirteen tells him that she'll see him Monday and goes inside.
Last Temptation

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Recurring Role: Amber Tamblyn (Martha Masters), Ron Perkins (Dr. Simpson), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Jennifer Landon (Donovan), Michelle DeFraites (Kendall Pearson), Gerald McCullouch (Bobby Pearson), Tommy Savas (Cruz), Bridgett Newton (Paige), Tony Edwards (Roscoe), Will Deutsch (Dr. Pressman), Helena Apothaker (Nurse Ellen Hoffner)
Production Code: HOU-719
Summary: House and the team treat a teenage girl who collapses just before embarking on a potentially record-breaking boating trip around the world. Meanwhile, Masters must decide if she wants to continue her schooling in order to become a surgeon or accept an offer to stay on House’s team permanently. When their patient refuses a life-saving treatment that will keep her from setting the record, Masters makes a shocking decision.

Masters wakes up and prepares for the day while reviewing all of her medical information. Her roommate Donovan says that she doesn’t have to drill for exams and it’s graduation day, but Masters says that it’s always testing when she works with House. She gets to the hospital and prepares to do a lumbar puncture for her door, and runs into fellow student Cruz. He bargains to let her do it, and her roommate arrives to tell her that there’s an opening in the diagnostic department for an intern. Masters’ classmates figure that House wants her.

Masters goes to the conference room and finds Thirteen setting up. Wilson and the others arrive to welcome her and wonder why she lied about going to Rome. House covers and says that Thirteen was undergoing drug rehab, and then tells them about their new patient, Kendall Pierson. As they discuss how she collapsed while preparing for a record-breaking launch, House keeps asking Masters if she’s going to apply for the internship. Taub suggests damage to the adrenal gland and House orders tests. When Chase wonders why House is so interested in Masters’ future, he insists that he doesn’t want to waste all the potential that he hammered into her, and sends Amber and Thirteen to check out Kendall. Masters notes that she hasn’t completed her last LP yet, but House tells Thirteen to take Masters with her to do the blood draws on Kendall.

As they test Kendall, her parents deal with the publicity surrounding her record-breaking launch. Once they leave, Thirteen insists on doing the tests on her own, while Masters bonds with Kendall over the fact they are both prodigals. Once Thirteen finishes, Masters suggests that
they use the treadmill to put her through stress for testing, and then gets a page for her LP. She runs into Cuddy and asks her for advice about the internship. Cuddy warns that House will continue to mock and insult her, and tells her to make her own decision and leave her alone. She admits that most people can’t work in House’s environment, and asks if Masters can, and then walks away.

Masters goes to see the patient, only to find Cruz doing the LP. She goes to find House in his office and finds a live brown chicken on his desk, and a note telling her that he’s in the ER. Masters goes to find House and overhears House and Thirteen discussing the fact that he lied about her being in rehab. When she tells them what she’s heard, House confirms that Masters won’t tell anyone. After Thirteen leaves, Masters tells House that she’ll take the job. He responds by signing off on her LP test even though she hasn’t done it, and overrides her objection that it’s dishonest.

The team meets outside the conference room and wonder where the chicken is. House shows up and starts putting chicken tracks on the floor, and explains that Wilson got hold of a quiet chicken, an australop. As he directs the tracks to Wilson’s office, the team does differential and House tells them to treat for a cerebral vasospasm. As they go, House notes that Masters hasn’t turned in her forged LP log and tells her to quit stalling and do it. She goes to do it but hesitates, and runs into Donovan. Donovan suggests she take the internship and notes that Masters is weird, but House doesn’t think she’s weird, which Donovan admits is weird. They spot Wilson running down his own white chicken and Masters goes to check on Kendall.

Masters meets Foreman and Thirteen as they test, and Thirteen explains that House and Wilson have a bet to see who can keep their chicken in the hospital the longest without getting buster. Foreman congratulates her on taking the job, saying they need someone who can follow rules, but Masters admits that she’s worried about lying. Thirteen offers to help her get her LP, and offers herself as a patient while critiquing her technique. As Masters works, she asks Thirteen why she’s lying, and Thirteen says that none of the staff are particular respectful of personal privacy.

The team checks the tests and confirms that Kendall’s pineal gland is calcified, and hormone therapy will fix the problem. As they go, House realizes that Masters did the LP on Thirteen, and points out that he wants Masters to defy the Man, not him. Masters insists she can do her job without compromising, but House says that she can’t and tells her that the internship position is no longer available, and wishes her good luck as a surgeon.

Masters wakes up the next morning and starts drilling again. She then goes in for her first day as a surgical internship. While watching a surgery, she can’t help giving advice and the training doctor, Simpson, agrees. After the surgery, Simpson notes that most pledges don’t talk, but admits that Masters’ input was useful. She notes that Kendall is on the schedule board for surgery despite the fact she was discharged, and Simpson confirms that House put her into surgery. He then tells Masters to scrub up and prepare for actual surgery. She goes to see Kendall’s father, Bobby, and confirms that Kendall collapsed. Masters assures him that the surgery will be successful and Kendall will be ready to launch in 36 hours. Masters gets a page to get into surgery with Simpson. As they work, Masters gets an idea and asks someone else to substitute for her. When Simpson refuses to let her leave, Masters claims that she had an accident and then goes to Kendall’s OR. Kendall is having problems, and House notes that she lied, and has kept lying. Thirteen thinks she has a granuloma, but Masters suggest sarcoidosis. House sides with Thirteen but suggests Masters sign back up if she wants to pursue her differential. She insists she’s only back for Kendall’s case, but House doesn’t believe her.

Later, Masters lies to Simpson and claims that House asked her for a consul. Simpson warns her that she’s trying to transfer and tells her not to stay away too long before he forgets her. In the locker room, Cruz invites Landon and Masters out for drinks, but Masters says that she’s staying to check on Kendall. When Landon wonders if she’s working with House, Masters insists that it’s only for the one case. She spends the night running Kendall’s tests. She goes to the conference room, notices the chicken in a box in House’s office, and continues working. Late, she watches as Wilson sneaks in, waves to her when he spots her, and then opens the cage and discovers it’s a fake chicken. House locks the office room door behind him and goes to get Wilson’s chicken. Wilson climbs out through the balcony while Masters stares, and then gets an idea.

Masters goes to see Kendall and asks if she’s allergic to chicken. Kendall admits that her father bought her pheasant in a can, and Masters says that she got salmonella enteritis that
permeated the bones. As she checks, she asks Kendall when she knew that sailing was the life for her. Kendall admits that there are things she doesn’t like about it, but it wouldn’t be worth it if there weren’t obstacles to overcome. Masters confirms that Kendall has sore bones and takes her to MRI for further testing. As she works, Chase talks to her and admits that he also gave up surgery to work for House, and warns that once you change, it’s not simple to go back. They find a mass in the humerus, but it’s cancer, not an infection.

Later, Masters informs Kendall and her parents that she has lymphoid sarcoma in her arm, and the treatment involves amputation. Kendall wants to know if there is an alternative, insisting that she feels fine. Masters warns that postponing the surgery could allow the cancer to spread, but Kendall’s parents consider the idea of waiting and dismiss Masters. Later, Bobby informs Masters that Kendall talked Paige into delaying the operation. He notes that the last time they tried to stop Kendall, she filed for emancipation. Bobby figures she’ll do the same thing again, and he’d rather be with her than against her.

Masters goes to see House, who is busy training a dog to attack chickens. He says that she’s done everything she can, and that he’s fine with the parents making a decision that could kill Kendall. He asks what Masters wants, and she says she doesn’t want Kendall to die. House tells her to break the rules, and asks if following rules is more important than saving Kendall’s life. Masters goes to see Wilson and asks his advice. As he tries to hide the fact that his chicken and House’s are under his desk, he says that all she can do is try to convince Kendall to agree to amputation. He then explains that House was in the same position that Kendall is now, and notes that House’s girlfriend did the same thing and had his leg muscle removed without his permission while he was in an induced coma. House’s dog comes in and grabs the chicken, and then runs off. The security guard comes by and sees House’s chicken, and Wilson tells him who it belongs to.

The next day, Masters talks to Kendall, who refuses to undergo amputation and says that she’s doing it for herself, because she’s the best and she can do something that no one else can. Masters administers the chemo and leaves. Back in the conference room, Masters waits for a page. When it comes in, she runs to Kendall’s room, where the girl is flatlining. Masters tells the Pearsons that they need to sign the consent form to approve the amputation and save their daughter’s life. She then goes to the OR and tells them to administer calcium chloride to remove the heart blockage, and then amputate the arm now that she has the consent.

After the surgery, Kendall wakes up and realizes that her arm is missing. Masters explains that they discovered cancer during the operation and amputated. Kendall rails at her parents and says that the record was everything. She yells that she hates them, and they hug her as she bursts into tears. Masters starts to walk away and Paige thanks her.

The next morning, Masters wakes up but doesn’t drill. She goes to House’s office and says she’s done things that no doctor should do. House congratulates her, but Masters wonders why she doesn’t feel good about it. He tells her that she can’t always get what you want, and pays Wilson the $20 bet. They agree to do ferrets next week. As House walks away, Masters says that she can’t do it, and doesn’t know what she’s going to do next. House warns her that nothing will be simple again, and Masters says that she’s fine with that. She walks away, trips over the chicken, and laughs.
Changes

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Sheena Zadeh (Nurse Laura), Adele Robbins (Janet), Roger Burtona (Male Patient), Jacob McCafferty (Ricky), Dawn Frances (Nurse Colleen), David A. Kimball (Lawyer), Megan Follows (Jennifer), Donal Logue (Cyrus Harry), Candice Bergen (Arlene Cuddy), David Costabile (Phil)
Production Code: HOU-720
Summary: After suffering partial paralysis while searching for a long-lost love, lottery winner Cyrus Harry is brought to Princeton Plainsboro for treatment by House and the team. Cuddy’s mother threatens to sue the hospital for malpractice, jeopardizing both Cuddy and House’s medical licenses. Chase and Foreman make a bet that tests each one in different ways.

Cyrus Harry arrives with flowers at the home of a woman. He asks for Jennifer Williams and introduces himself, and then says that he’s trying to find the brown-eyed Jennifer Williams he met 23 years ago on the Jersey shore. The woman closes the door on him, and Cyrus marks her name off of his list. He then walks to a limo where his driver, his older cousin Phil, watches in disgust. He tells Cyrus that he’s wasting his money pursuing a faded memory and packs up the flowers that Cyrus brought. However, when he turns he realizes that Cyrus has collapsed because his leg is paralyzed.

House brings the case to his team, and they realize that Cyrus, a refrigerator repairman, won $42 million in the lottery. As they debate whether winning the lottery causes happiness and what caused the paralysis, Cuddy comes in and informs House that her mother Arlene is suing the hospital and claiming that they slowed her recovery. House spends the team to test Cyrus and check his workshop for contamination, and then goes to his office with Cuddy. She explains that she insisted that Arlene move in with her because her hip is slowing her down, and points out that House’s name is on the treatment papers. Arlene refuses to talk to Cuddy alone, and insists on having a lawyer present. Cuddy wants House to come to the meeting and be nice, but he refuses.

Taub talks to Cyrus, who insists that he hasn’t done anything different with his lifestyle. However, when Phil comments on his eating habits, Cyrus admits that he eats out of a can and Taub suggests that could be the source of the illness.

Foreman and Chase check out Cyrus’ work environment and Chase notes that Foreman is repressed. Chase explains that he’s stopped playing the field with women, and dares Foreman...
to do one differential without anyone getting beneath his skin. They find solvent from China that could cause the illness, and report to House with the others. House orders forced diuresis and dialysis and disagrees with Foreman and Thirteen when they suggest chelation, because if he recovers temporarily they won't know which disease he had. Foreman gives in and House suspects something is up.

Thirteen decides to go with chelation anyway and lie to House, figuring that they can flip a coin and tell House the treatment he ordered. However, they discover that Cuddy has shut down all treatment until House goes to the meeting. He responds by discharging Cyrus, who doesn't understand why they're kicking her out. Thirteen tries to explain that Cuddy will cave, but they are interrupted when the real Jennifer Williams arrives. She explains that she read about him in the papers and decided to come by and say hi. Phil is skeptical, but Jennifer reminds Cyrus of his pet name for her, "Baby Bear." Cyrus embraces Jennifer... and then he vomits as he has a focal seizure.

Taub reports to House, who doesn't appear interested. Cuddy comes in and tells House that she'll let him treat his patient if he meets him halfway. She agrees to reduce his clinic hours, but when House negotiates for more, she tells him to do whatever she wants and leaves.

House goes to the conference room and discovers that Chase is hooking up Foreman to a blood pressure machine. They explain that they have a wager to see if Chase can swear off sex while Foreman can avoid showing stress. House can't resists trying to provoke him by disagreeing with his differential of lyme disease and then mocking his personal life. They discuss whether Cyrus will be happy or not because he has found Jennifer, and Thirteen suggests that Cyrus has had sex in the meantime and herpes encephalitis would account for the symptoms. House agrees, and confirms that Foreman doesn't seem to have reacted, and then explains that he secretly unplugged the BP machine. As Thirteen leaves, House suggests that she's down on love because of her own failed relationships.

Thirteen goes to see Cyrus, who is talking with Jennifer. He offers to put her up for the night, but Jennifer doesn't want to take his money. Cyrus suggests that she might not want to stay, and Jennifer agrees to keep her own hotel room for another night or two.

House goes to see Wilson and asks for his opinion on a mass he's found on his patient's pancreas. Wilson suggests that it might be cancer and House says he's already figured that out, and then asks Wilson why he isn't bothering him about the Cuddy situation. Wilson says that House is actually doing the right thing by staying out of it. However, House figures that Cuddy is using reverse psychology to keep him from going to the meeting so she can resolve her issues with her mother alone, and he refuses to let her win.

Arlene and her lawyer arrive for the meeting and Cuddy says that she wants to talk to her mother alone. She convinces the lawyer to leave, but Arlene insists that it's not about their fight. She asks for $30,000, but Cuddy warns that if the board hears about her threats, she and House could both lose her licenses. Before Arlene can return, House comes in and offers to put her old hip joint in, and Arlene leaves, saying that she'll find judges that will take the case seriously.

As Foreman and Taub run the MRI on Cyrus, Taub says that he agrees with Chase about Foreman, and that he's rooting for Chase to remain celibate. They confirm the mass on Cyrus' pancreas... and two other masses as well in different parts of his body.

Later, Wilson points out that House screwed up, and figures that he reacted because Cuddy tricked her. He suggests that House has more anger toward her than he claims, but House says that he's happy with his unhappiness. In response, Wilson warns that he's going to force House and Cuddy to meet and work things out. House arrives for the differential as Chase hooks Foreman up to a new BP machine. House suggests that they pump Cyrus full of growth factor and make the cancers grow bigger so they can figure out what they have in common. Foreman's blood pressure starts to go up, and he wonders if House is serious or not. Disgusted, he finally takes off the monitors and says that it makes no difference as long as he can control it. House tells them to give consent and then confronts Thirteen as she leaves. He reveals that he brought her high school boyfriend to the hospital, to have him make up dumping her. Thirteen explains that she dumped him to date the man's sister, and House realizes that his plan has a flaw.

Thirteen and Taub go to get consent from Cyrus, and he turns to Jennifer and asks her to marry him so he can have happiness now. Jennifer says that neither one of them can know they're ready for marriage, and says that she's sure she'll have time. As Thirteen and Taub leave, Thirteen notes that Jennifer is wearing different clothes even though she only came for one night.
but Taub doesn't believe it.

House returns to his office and finds Foreman practicing yoga without success. He wonders why House isn't riding Chase, and House explains that it's easier to get a rise out of Foreman.

House takes refuge in Coma Guy's room to watch TV, but Wilson tracks him down thanks to the radio transmitter he put in House's portable TV. House and Cuddy argue, and Wilson finally says that Cuddy will pay Arlene the $30,000, and House will say he's sorry and shut up otherwise, or he'll stop signing off on his Vicodin prescription. House and Cuddy reluctantly give in.

Thirteen treats Cyrus, who accuses Thirteen of harboring suspicions toward Jennifer. Thirteen insists that random numbers don't change human nature, and that he's hoping for another long-shot dream coming true. Cyrus accuses her of refusing to see anyone else happy.

Cuddy, House, and Wilson go to see Arlene and pay her the $30,000 and say she can stay in her home. House manages to get out an apology, but Arlene wants more money for the probate lawyer because she's going to change the will so Cuddy doesn't get her house when she dies. Cuddy snaps at her and House chips in, and Arlene tears up the check and goes inside.

Foreman meets with Taub and explains that he's paid a nurse $100 to have sex with Chase. They watch as Chase and the nurse talk, but she walks over to Foreman, slaps him, and gives his money back. Chase looks over at them and waves.

As Taub runs an ultrasound on Cyrus, Jennifer tells him to consider what things and people matter year in and year out. As they talk, Taub discovers that Cyrus has no new cancer, and the tumors he had shrunk. Back in differential, Chase hooks Foreman up again and they try to figure out what's going on. Thirteen suggests the tumors might be protein deposits based on the low-normal EKG, but Foreman points out that it's not enough to conclude. He starts snapping and the BP machine registers it, but Foreman insists that he's used beta blockers. Chase admits that he rigged the machine to give a false reading. As Thirteen goes, she tells House that she just doesn't like lotteries.

In the clinic, House calls for a patient, Janet, and says that she has hemorrhoids. Janet is not amused. Wilson arrives to note that House had his clinic hours quadrupled, and warns that Arlene is having another meeting. He suggests that House doesn't want to let go of Cuddy, so he's holding onto the negative interactions between them. House doesn't believe it, but Wilson warns that he's blowing up any chance of having any kind of relationship with Cuddy again.

Phil and Jennifer come to see Cyrus, who gives Phil a check for $10 million. He tells his cousin that he's the best friend he's ever had and he's worth far more than what he's been paying him as a limo driver. Phil takes the check and holds his cousin's hand. As Jennifer breaks into tears, Thirteen notices that she's wearing contacts beneath her eyeglasses, and they realize the contacts are tinted even though Cyrus remembered his Jennifer having brown eyes. He asks her where her nickname "Baby Bear" and Jennifer doesn't know. Cyrus realizes that it's the one thing he never told Phil, which is why "Jennifer" doesn't know it. He orders both of them out and admits to Thirteen that his life sucks and he's just a lottery fool. As they watch, Cyrus' entire system shuts down.

Thirteen and Taub report to the others, and Taub suggests that Thirteen provoked Cyrus into dying. An alarm goes off when there's signs of contamination on the administrative floor. Arlene is out there and explains she set off the alarm to get House and Cuddy together. She tells them that she's filing the suit, and Cuddy notes that she would have been dead if not for their "mistreatment." House tells Arlene that she and Cuddy aren't getting together again, and everything she's done has been to bring them together. Cuddy starts to deny it, until she looks at Arlene and realizes everything House has said is true. Arlene points out they're the only two people who would put up with each other. Cuddy apologizes to her mother but says that them getting together will take more than a common enemy. When they turn back, they discover that House has left.

House goes to see Cyrus and says that there must be a common enemy that accounted for all the symptoms. He has a teratoma, filled with primitive cells that leaked into his bloodstream. Cyrus' body created antibodies, but they not only targeted the teratoma cells, but the actual organs. The cancers collapsed under their own weight. Once they cut out the teratoma, Cyrus will be fine. Cyrus says that he fell for a fraud, but House points out that his feelings were the same and if he chooses to be miserable, it's his own fault.

Chase ends up in bed with the nurse.
Foreman checks his blood pressure.

The real Jennifer finds Cyrus and comes to see him. Thirteen and House watch as Cyrus rents her an apartment. House says that it will end horribly, but Thirteen says that no matter what, Cyrus will always be hopeful and he’ll always be happy. House points out that fatalism is her survival mechanism, and she asks what his mechanism is for surviving being dumped by everyone he ever loved and having constant leg pains. She says they are who they are, and still insists that lotteries are stupid.
The Fix
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Summary: Rather than deal with his current case of a missile developer, House takes a boxer under his wing after trying to win a bet with Wilson, while the team suspects that House has a different drug problem.

Tony is looking at a photo of a girl, and tells his friend Glenn that he’s fantasized about it for months. Glenn then boosts Tony up to the top of a missile target in the middle of nowhere. Tony tapes the photo to the top, climbs down, and drives off with his friend. As they go, Tony calls in and says that the target area is clear.

At a bunker, Dr. Wendy Lee, the woman whose photo Tony put on the missile, explains to the military about her company’s test missile that they are planning to launch. As they fire the missile, Tony and Glenn watch from a distance, and Tony says that he’s feeling better. At the bunker, Dr. Lee collapses from a seizure.

House is at home exercising his right leg and then meets with the team to discuss Lee’s case. They wonder why he seems disinterested, and get an answer when Wilson comes into gloat and asks for the $50 that House bet with him on a losing boxer, Terry Foley. House refuses to pay, insisting that the fight was rigged, but Wilson doesn’t believe it and gives him one day to prove it or pay up. Once he’s gone, House figures he’ll deal with the case that is costing him money and tells them to deal with Wendy.

Thirteen and Chase take Wendy in for a MRI, and Wendy explains that her family is also unhappy at her chosen occupation of designing bombs. She insists that they can be used to make things better or worse. They start the MRI scan.

House approaches Terry at a diner, and the boxer insists that he didn’t take a dive. He points out that he’s poor and doesn’t look like someone who threw a fight, and explains that he just sucks. House then goes to see Wilson and shows him a photo of Terry’s face. The pupils show that he is has tachycardia, and House insists that since he couldn’t medically continue, the bet is off. Wilson refuses to believe what could be a Photoshopped photo. As House leaves, Lee’s boyfriend Cesar arrives and says that Lee’s last boyfriend Tony was crazy, and he poisoned Lee.

House informs the team about Cesar’s theory, but Foreman says that Lee tested negative for common poisons. Taub suggest there are plenty of poisons that they didn’t test for, and House
admits that the case is getting a little interesting. He sends Thirteen and Chase to break into Tony’s apartment. As they look around, they get a call from Taub and Foreman, who are checking out Wendy’s apartment and explains that she’s been poisoning herself with overdrinking. They confront Lee, who says she’s saving the bottles for an art project. Afterward, Thirteen suggests that Wendy has no reason to lie, but Foreman figures that treating her for alcohol is the best they’ve got.

Meanwhile, House has Terry in for an EKG but it proves negative. When Terry tries to leave, insisting there’s nothing wrong, House says that he’s sick and can be made better, and then Terry doesn’t have to suck. Terry tells him to fix what’s wrong with himself first and leaves.

Lee has stomach pains from pancreatitis, and Thirteen suggests that it’s stress. Foreman disagrees and they argue, and Taub finally pages House, only to get no response. Foreman goes to Wilson and covers House’s bet, but Wilson says that House is ignoring him because he trusts them. Wilson defends his friend, explaining that House has been seeking out crazier things to do, and now he’s found something relatively normal to do, just because he’s interested. Foreman doesn’t buy it, takes his money back, and goes to tell the patient.

House is back in his apartment exercising his leg, and then takes out a needle and shoots up with a white powder.

The team is unable to come up with a differential for Lee, and House comes in and asks them to help him differentiate Terry. Taub focuses on their cases and suggest she has a neurological condition exasperated by her sexual escapades, and they go with his treatment. As they leave. Foreman reluctantly asks if there’s anything he can do to help House. House ignores him and goes to the gym where Terry is mopping. He tells him that he has an underlying neurological condition, sympathetic overdrive, and says that Terry can go back to winning. Terry figures House is just doing it to win the bet, but House denies it and then injects him with epinephrine. When Terry’s heart goes into overdrive, House gives him a light punch and then a harder one. Nothing happens, and Terry knocks him to the floor and tells him to get out of his life.

Wendy has a heart attack despite the fact that she runs marathons. Later, Foreman tells Cuddy that House is doing what he’s doing because of her. She doesn’t believe it and insists that House is fine, same as always. As she tries to walk away, Foreman accuses her of avoiding House and putting Wendy at risk, but Cuddy tells him to do his job so she doesn’t die.

At home, House continues to shoot up as Thirteen arrives and sees him. He explains that the pain is getting worse and he can’t take Vicodin, so he switched to heroin. She explains that they’re implanting an automatic cardio-defibrillator to buy time to diagnose Lee, and that Wilson and Cuddy both sent her over there to check on him. Thirteen realizes that House isn’t taking heroin, and he explains that he’s taking an experimental treatment, Compound CS-804. She points out that it’s only been tested on rats, but House insists that it’s his best chance.

As Chase implants the cardio-defibrillator, they realize that she has rectal and vaginal bleeding. Back in differential, Taub insists that it’s a blood disorder and they can treat. Chase focuses on House, saying that it must be about something other than Cuddy or House would have left weeks ago. Foreman notes that Thirteen isn’t saying anything and they realize that she knows something. She tells them that House has his reasons for not helping them, and they have to respect her privacy. When Foreman rattles off causes, Taub goes to treat the symptoms.

House continues to exercise his leg until the pain becomes too great, and then considers taking more of the compound. When he realizes that he’s out, he goes to see Dr. Riggin, who is running the study on the compound. Riggin says that the chances of it being harmful are minimal, and House complains that his leg hurts. He asks Riggin to get him some coffee, and then steals some of the compound.

Taub stops the bleeding and takes offense when Foreman questions him. They check on Lee, whose gums are now burnt.

Back at his apartment, House finally throws away the compound and takes out a bottle of Vicodin. He pours out three tables and after a moment’s contemplation, takes them. As he does, he gets an idea and starts to leave. However, Wilson arrives and knows all about the experimental drug, and demands an explanation. House says that he’s off the drug, but Wilson accuses him of thinking that he wants to fix his leg to fix his life, because he wants everything to have a physical solution. His friend refuses to listen and leaves.

The team try to differentiate the burns and suggest AML, and they eliminate all of the causes except one. They take Lee to an isolation room and tell Cesar that she was exposed to radiation
that is destroying her immune system. Cesar insists that Lee wouldn’t do anything like that, and Thirteen suggests that he doesn’t know Lee as well as he thinks.

House drives to find Terry as he’s jogging and says that he really needs a drink.

As they prepare a stem cell transplant to bolster Lee’s system, she asks to see Cesar. Foreman explains that they can’t risk the increased chance of infection, and assures her that they’re doing everything they can. The nurse notices a new symptom: engorged genitalia.

House has Terry keep drinking and explains that his kidneys aren’t working, and he’ll soon collapse from all the water he’s drinking. Terry says that House is just making him miserable because House is miserable. House points out that Terry has done everything he’s asked because he wants House to be right. Terry drinks the last bottle of water, nothing happens, and he tells House that he’s an ass for building his hopes up.

Later, House pays Wilson the $50 and then shoves everything off of his desk when Wilson tries to tell him it’s not the end of the world. When Wilson continues, House starts smashing his movie poster frames until Wilson stops and says they’ll talk later. House responds by saying there’s nothing to talk about and leaves.

Back in differential, Foreman insists that Lee is improving because of the radiation, but Chase disagrees. They both tell Taub to shut up when he says that he’s paging House.

House is drinking at a bar until the bartender cuts him off. He explains in some detail why men come there, and that he’s there to kill the pain. A patron finally tells the bartender to serve House to shut him up, and House berates him for giving in. Another patron insults House, who asks the bartender whether he should hit him or not. House decides not to compromise and tells the second patron to get up and fight. The man refuses and House takes a swing at him, and he misses and hits his leg on the edge of the bar. Surprised, he freezes and the customer hits him.

Thirteen and Chase tell Cesar that they’ll have to treat him as well for radiation exposure since he worked with Wendy. When he refuses, they figure that Cesar knows that they’re wrong, which means they know what is killing Wendy. Wendy has been getting better because Cesar was poisoning her, and he couldn’t get to her in the hospital. Taub and Foreman are going to his apartment to search for poison.

House exercises his leg again and feels better. He accidentally hits himself in the back of the neck with his cane and gets an idea. He goes to the gym as Terry comes in, and pokes him in the back of the neck with his cane. Terry promptly collapses, to House’s satisfaction.

Thirteen explains to Wendy that Cesar is in jail for trying to kill her because he found out she was dating Glenn, while he dated her when she was dating Tony. Cesar gave her Spanish Fly, which contains a lethal ingredient, canthardin.

House comes to see Wilson and demands his $50. He explains that Terry had a glomus tumor on his neck, and it was hit when he was in the clinch before he took the punch that knocked him down. Wilson reluctantly pays the $50 and says that House gave Terry his life back, but House says that Terry will have to have surgery and will never fight again. When Wilson asks about his black eye he got in the bar fight, House says that he’s better than fine.

At home, House takes the drugs out of the garbage where he dumped them.

At the lab, Riggin discovers that one of his experimental rats has died.
A woman, Darrien, steals a car and drives away as police cars arrive in the distance. She races down the highway, clutching at her bleeding side. Darrien finally pulls up to an apartment, slamming into a newspaper box, and staggers inside to one of the apartments. She knocks on the door and Thirteen opens the door, recognizing her. Thirteen says she needs to take Darrien to a hospital, but Darrien insists that the police will be waiting for her and she can’t go there. When Darrien threatens to leave, Thirteen has her stay and promises not to involve the authorities.

At his home, House is meeting with one of his prostitutes, Emily. She figures that he’s just taking regular drugs, but he insists that it’s helping his leg and demonstrates by picking up a stereo. He drops it due to a cramp and knocks over the compound, and says he won’t need Emily’s services for the rest of the night.

Thirteen checks Darrien’s wound and notes that her liver was nicked, but finds no signs of internal bleeding.

Foreman comes into the apartment and finds Taub with Ruby from the hospital. She quickly leaves and Taub tells Foreman that Ruby is pregnant and that he needs a drink.

Darrien explains that there was a raid and her boyfriend Andre stabbed her as a distraction. She says that it isn’t his fault and she started using again on her own. Thirteen checks Darrien’s blood pressure and discovers that her BP and heart rate are minimal on her left side, but are fine on her right.

Chase is at home when he gets a call. It’s Thirteen, who asks him to get a portable ultrasound machine. She lies and says that she has a leak in her bathroom.

House visits Riggin, who says that his experimental compound killed the test rats. He shows House footage of the tumors that grew inside them, and House asks what the symptoms were. Riggin explains that there were some cramps and muscle stiffness, and then the rats just died.
Chase arrives at Thirteen's apartment and turns over the ultrasound, and notes that her clothing isn't wet so she needs the unit for medical reasons. She reluctantly lets Chase in and explains that Darrien was her friend, and they met in prison.

House runs a MRI on his leg and finds three tumors.

As Thirteen checks Darrien, she explains that she mercy-killed her brother. She finally tells a shocked Chase to help, warning that Darrien has Hep-C, and Chase confirms that her fingers are starting to turn blue. There's no sign of an aneurysm and Chase finds a gooey mess, possibly a lipoma, in her left arm. They figure that it is swelling, blocking blood flow to Darrien's arm. They drain it and realize that it's not a lipoma.

Taub and Foreman go to a strip club, and Taub wonders why Ruby wants to keep the baby. He explains that he told Ruby no, and Foreman points out that he's being selfish and would be a crappy dad. Still, he figures that Taub is considering it. Taub admits that he is thinking about it, but goes with a stripper, Dina.

Chase suggests toxic exposure, but Thirteen disagrees and insists the symptoms have to be related to the stab wound. He warns that the clots could start bleeding anywhere and wants to take her to the hospital, but Thirteen refuses and insists on keeping her promise. She asks Chase to go to the hospital and get the drugs, and he reluctantly agrees.

House sterilizes his bathroom as best he can, gets in the tub, gives himself a local, and starts cutting his leg open to remove the tumors.

As Thirteen has Darrien lie down, she asks why she started using drugs again. Darrien refuses to discuss it.

Wilson is sleeping when his phone rings, and doesn't hear the vibration.

Taub is at the strip club getting a lap dance when his phone vibrates. He ignores it, figuring that House is drunk and can call a cab. He then starts asking the stripper what she would do if she got pregnant and the father didn't want the child. She'd rather dance, but when Taub notices that she has an asymmetrical mole and tries to touch it, she slaps his hand away and calls the bouncer over.

Thirteen's phone rings but it's on the desk next to Darrien. Before she can do anything, she looks up and sees a teenager at the foot of the bed. He draws a gun and prepares to shoot her, and then he falls over, dead from a head wound. Thirteen hears the noise and comes in, but finds nothing. The hallucinating Darrien apologizes.

House finally calls Cuddy, who picks up the phone. She discovers that Rachel is in the bed watching an adult pirate cartoon and turns off the TV. She answers the phone and says that someone had better be dying.

Chase returns with the medication and realizes that Darrien is hallucinating because of internal bleeding of the brain. Thirteen insists on drilling a burr hole in the apartment to relieve the pressure. Chase disagrees and tries to take Darrien out, but Thirteen attacks him when he tries to shove past her. They struggle and Chase shoves her to the floor and goes to get Darrien.

Cuddy has no choice but to bring Rachel with her and arrives at House's apartment. She has Rachel sit outside and House explains that he was the last person on his list to call, and Cuddy realizes that he operated on himself to avoid having to admit that he was taking an experimental drug. She insists that he has to go to the hospital but House refuses.

Chase drives Thirteen and Darrien to the hospital, and says that he'll set her up under a fake name so no one will know she was there.

Cuddy drives House to the hospital and Rachel asks what she was doing. When Cuddy insists that he did it because he's happy, House points out that he's had a lot of setbacks, but she refuses to accept the blame.

As they drive, Thirteen asks Darrien what she hallucinated. They realize that she was a cop, and Darrien admits that she didn't tell anyone in prison because it would have put her at risk. She explains that she killed a nineteen-year-old when she went in and saw him going for his gun. He refuses to listen when she tried to talk her down, and Darrien had to shoot. That was when she started using drugs. Darrien passes out and Chase speeds up... unwittingly driving by Cuddy.

Cuddy waits at the stoplight and realizes that House is the one who got Rachel watching the pirate cartoon. When she lectures him about his poor judgment, House suggests she focus on...
more immediate examples.

Foreman finds Taub outside, and Taub explains that he got tossed out. Taub insists on waiting for the stripper to talk about her mole, insisting that it’s cancerous, but Foreman figures that he wants to get caught by the bouncer to punish himself. He tries to get Taub to leave, but Taub insists on staying.

As they run a MRI on Darrien, Chase asks why Thirteen was so insistent on keeping her word and wonders if there’s more. He realizes that she promised to kill her brother, and that she keeps her promises as a defense mechanism. There’s no sign of bleeding, but the image blurs and they realize that Darrien is shivering with fever, even though nothing on the knife could take effect so fast.

At the ER, House and Cuddy wait for him to be treated and Cuddy realizes that House is going into shock. House insists that he’s fine, but Cuddy takes Rachel to find a nurse. House’s phone rings and he takes a call from Thirteen, who says that she and Chase are the hospital and need ideas from him.

Taub waits across the street from the strip club and starts to call Ruby, but then stops. House tries to get information on Darrien without success, but the only idea he has is eliminated. His leg starts to bleed and he takes Vicodin, and then asks when Darrien shot the kid. He figures that’s when she started taking drugs and contracted Hep-C. He hangs up when Cuddy and Rachel arrive with a nurse.

Taub starts to call Rachel, but spots Dina and tries to approach her. She draws a gun and tells him to get down on his knees, saying she’s not going to go through it again. Taub waits for her to shoot him, but she drives off instead.

In the conference room, Chase and Thirteen try to locate the boy that Darrien shot without success. He notices a bruise from when he fought her earlier and puts some ice on it, and Thirteen admits that Chase was right about everything. She finds the file on the shooting and discovers that it happened in 2008. The prison clinic wouldn’t prescribe treatment unless she had chronic Hep-C, meaning that she has a parasitical infection that made her short-term Hep-C look chronic. The knife freed the parasites, releasing them into the bloodstream. Thirteen prescribes Metronidazole treatment, which if successful will cure Darrien in a few hours.

As the nurse prepares to take House to surgery, he asks Cuddy to come in with him. He doesn’t trust the surgeon and admits that he does trust Cuddy. Cuddy considers and then agrees.

When Darrien wakes up, Thirteen explains that she had parasites in her liver and the stabbing made it worse, but she’ll be okay. Darrien discovers that she’s handcuffed to the bed and there’s a police officer outside, and Thirteen admits that they had to bring in the authorities. The ex-officer tells Thirteen that she never liked her, and only used her as a distraction. Thirteen says that she’ll thank her in a month, or she won’t, but she knows that she saved Darrien’s life.

As House sleeps, Rachel wishes that he would come over some time. Cuddy suggests that she write a letter to him.

Taub comes in to talk to Ruby, who realizes that he was at a strip club. He tells her a story about a patient with cancer that he treated, and who believed he was dying but had left his mark on the world because he left two children behind. Taub explains that he almost died and he wishes he was like that patient, and wants to have the baby.

Chase talks to Thirteen, who says that Darrien did the right thing in shooting the kid, but she destroyed her life trying to forget it. Thirteen worries that she’ll end up the same way, and Chase suggests she talk to him about it. She doesn’t believe he has any idea what it’s like to live with guilt over a justified killing, and he suggests they get a coffee.

Thirteen and Chase have coffee in the conference room. Foreman and then Taub come in. Thirteen and Taub both yawn. They go over prospective cases and Foreman realizes that he missed a call from House, and wonders if he’s in.

House wakes up and confirms that his right leg is still there. Wilson is there and tells him that he’s lucky. House wonders why he’s there and Wilson wonders who he was expecting. He then gives House a letter from Rachel, saying that she hopes he gets well soon and they can be friends again. House says that he needs to pee and insists on doing it by himself. As he gets up, Wilson tells him that he’s an ass and House points out what he’s done. He reluctantly accepts help and Wilson tells him that something has to change. House admits that he knows and they hobble out.
Cuddy watches as the ambulance workers tend to the injured, including Wilson, and Officer Soltes questions her. She says that there wasn’t a fight and House didn’t threaten her, but says that he was always waiting for something to happen. She has no idea where House is, and Soltes asks if she’s going to file charges. Cuddy says that she’ll an officer questions her. She admits tricky she has no idea where House is, and the officer warns her that in domestic situations, things can get trickery. Cuddy finally says that she’ll fill out the paperwork and get a restraining order against House.

Three Days Earlier

The team watches a recording of Afsoun Hamidi, a performance artist who invites her audience to injure her. House is in bed after the surgical removal of a drain from his earlier operation, and tells the team that Dr. Hamidi approved his bed-stay. They’re surprised that he’s following doctor’s orders, and House says that he’s making some changes. They return to watching the video, where an audience member douses Afsoun with gasoline and sets her on fire. His assistant Luca watches and House explains that he’s been ordered not to intervene. However, the assistant does and Afsoun collapses on her own. Thirteen defends Afsoun’s artistic style, but the others think that she’s nuts. When Taub points out a space heater in the gallery, House suggests carbon monoxide poisoning and tells the team to put Afsoun in a hyperbaric chamber. Once they leave, House texts Cuddy, who is getting coffee. Jerry Barrett, a friend of Cuddy’s sister, says that he recognizes her and tries to chat, but Cuddy hastily gets away.

At the ICU, Cuddy arrives and House tells her that he has a box of her things from his apartment. He explains that he wants things to go back to the way it was before they were dating,
and thanks her for coming. When she notes that she hasn’t talked to him since he cut open his own leg, House says that he’s making changes and doesn’t want to talk about it anymore. Cuddy persists, insisting that he owes her, and House agrees to talk with her if she brings in lunch the next day. Once Cuddy goes, House takes some Vicodin.

As Foreman and Thirteen monitor Afsoun in the hyperbolic chamber, her assistant Luca isn’t as committed. Foreman asks if Afsoun was using a plant, she refuses to explain her work. As they talk, she starts vomiting and Luca freezes.

Taub does an ultrasound on Ruby and confirms that the baby is fine. He admits that he’s having doubts and they talk about what to name the baby. He’s interrupted when he gets a page from his wife.

Cuddy tells Julia to stop trying to set her up, and Julia figures that she’s still hung up on House and wants to get her sister out of a rut.

Foreman and Thirteen report to House, who wonders if Luca brought anything into the treatment room. When he hears that Luca brought in a stuffed animal for Afsoun, House sends Thirteen to Afsoun’s room to examine the elephant. She confirms that there’s a nanny cam inside, and House explains that Luca hesitated earlier because he was still under orders not to intervene.

The team discusses the case and Taub figures that Afsoun is faking it. Foreman figures that the artist would do anything, including concealing symptoms, while Thirteen believes that Afsoun would be suicidal if she invoked pancreatitis and a heart attack, but she hasn’t tried in the past. Heart tells them to treat and test for Coxsackie B, and then gets out of bed to supervise the tests since he figures Foreman plans to test to confirm his own diagnosis of toxic exposure from the paint thinner from the gallery show.

Foreman runs the MRI and House can’t resist gloating and collecting on their bet when Foreman’s theory is wrong. Afsoun complains that she’s dizzy and Foreman checks on her, and House tells Foreman to scope her.

Cuddy arrives at House’s ICU room with lunch and discovers that he’s gone.

The team runs the colonoscopy and Afsoun tells Luca to document everything. Foreman yanks the camera out of his hand and throws it away and then goes back to work. As he picks up the nanny cam, they discover that the blood in her body has apparently disappeared. Foreman checks her feet as he gets an idea.

Cuddy tracks House down when he returns to the ICU and insists on talking things out. She figures he’s still angry at her breaking up, and House finally agrees to meet her for lunch in the cafeteria. As Cuddy goes, Foreman reports that Afsoun has been injecting herself in the foot with her own blood to raise her red cell count and cause her arrhythmia. He’s checked her laptop browser history and discovered that she was researching blood symptoms... and House.

Wilson tells the police that House has probably holed up in a bar, somewhere dark and depressing to match his mood.

House confronts Afsoun and Luca, and she explains that she’s really ill, and she just did the blood doping to intrigue her. However, she refuses to tell House because there won’t be any game for House, and thus no art for her. Afsoun refuses to tell House why she’s doing what she’s doing, but figures that the game intrigues him so he’ll play anyway.

House meets with the team and tells them that he likes the game. Afsoun has provided them with a list of symptoms, and House tells them to check it out and test her blood. As they go, Taub gets another call from Rachel and ducks it. Foreman wonders why Taub is avoiding his wife, and Taub admits that he hasn’t told Rachel yet. He worries that Rachel won’t talk to him again, but Foreman warns that she’ll find out and Taub can’t cheat his way out of his current situation.

Afsoun complains about back pain and describes the level of agony, but Thirteen and Chase realize that they can’t trust anything she says. They discover that her pancreas is liking corrosive poison into her body. Luca begs Afsoun to tell them what she knows, but she says that he’s never gone wrong trusting her.

Thirteen reports to House that the pancreatic cyst is back, and he wonders if Afsoun is suicidal. However, Thirteen points out that there’s no way that Afsoun could have inflicted more cysts. House realizes that Afsoun doesn’t care because she knows that what she has is fatal. House tests her again in the MRI chamber and notes that Afsoun shaved her head four months ago as one of her performance parties. He explains to Luca that she has cancer and shaved her head because the hair would have fallen out anyway. He confirms that she has lymphoma, and
Afsoun admits that it actually what she has. It is too close to the brain stem for surgery, and radiation had no effect. House figures that she wanted to see him to recreate the sensation of depersonalization she felt from the first team that examined her, but she notes that House took it personally and she doesn’t think that way anymore. House insists he doesn’t care, and says that she just wanted to act out once she realized she was mortal, and possibly prayed for a different answer. House addresses her camera and says it doesn’t mean anything.

When House returns to his room, he finds Wilson waiting for him. He knows that House is forging his signature to get Vicodin, and has put out a notice that all future prescriptions require his verbal authorization. Wilson points out that House is taking increasingly large doses, and House insists he’s trying not to self-destruct. His friend doesn’t believe it, and tells House to actually deal with it instead of medicate the issue away. House says that he doesn’t feel anything at the moment, and it feels great. He then leaves, telling Wilson he has more pills there. House signs himself out and starts to go, but goes to see Afsoun first. She says that she’s going as soon as the nurse brings her something for the eczema, and she figures it was irritated by the paint thinner. House realizes that it’s not eczema, and it’s not cancer.

The team checks and confirms that has Wegener’s Granulomatosis, which accounts for all of the symptoms and is treatable with steroids and radiation on her brain. Afsoun complains that the last time she received radiation treatment, it interfered with her brain processes, and refuses the treatment. Luca points out that it could save her life, but Afsoun says that her life is worth nothing if she loses her art. He insists that she has more and that it’s gone beyond a performance piece, but Afsoun stands by her decision. Luca says he can’t watch her throw away her life and leaves, and House congratulates her.

House and Cuddy meet for lunch and he asks if she’s dating anyone. When she refuses to answer, House starts to leave and Cuddy admits that she isn’t. She redirects the conversation to his leg and his unhappiness, and House admits that no matter why he did it, it was a bad reason and a bad idea. As he walks away, Cuddy goes after her and insists that he talk to her. He pushes her against the wall and tells her that he feels hurt. Cuddy apologizes and House says that isn’t her fault and walks away.

Afsoun asks Thirteen if she made the wrong choice, and explains that Luca was there until she broke up with him after she was diagnosed. Thirteen suggests that she might be doing the piece so she can have Luca with him, and says that Afsoun still can.

Cuddy goes back to the coffee shop and apologizes to Jerry for overreacting the other day.

Taub finds Rachel at the hospital. When he starts to apologize to her, Rachel says that she’s pregnant.

Thirteen comes into House’s offices and finds him checking his leg. She tells him that Afsoun has changed her mind about the radiation theory. House goes to see her and discovers that Luca is with her. He tells Luca to get out and then asks Afsoun why she changed her mind. House points out that she needs her brain to have any happiness, and that Luca will eventually leave her. Afsoun asks why House is berating her, and he turns and leaves without answering. As he looks back, he sees Luca hugging Afsoun.

At home, House is drinking at a bar and asks the bartender what he should do today. When the bartender suggests that he go home, House says he isn’t tonight and then walks away and goes down to the Caribbean beach.
Season Eight
Twenty Vicodin

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Summary: A year has passed since House ran Wilson’s car into Cuddy's living room – and House has spent most of it in prison. Now House only has to stay out of trouble for five days to win his parole. However, events conspire against him when a mysterious ailment strikes a fellow prisoner while a gang leader wants House to procure pills for him.

"Given good ... ish behavior, in 8 of 12 months' time-served, we have the discretion to grant parole Friday the 10th - five days from now. Are you sorry about what you did?"

House, outfitted in a faded denim-blue prison uniform and slouching before a parole board, is being asked to answer for ramming his car through Cuddy’s front window. He stares at the man asking whether he is remorseful.

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But the board seems to be expecting a little more in the way of contrition.

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House thinks for a minute.

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Now she’s had enough. "You drove your car into your ex-girlfriend’s house and then fled the country for three months!"

House sighs. "I knew that her daughter was at Grandma’s, like every Friday, and I saw everyone else move into the living room."
"They could have moved back," she points out.
"Which I would have noticed, since I was driving right towards them," House tells her.
"Shut up," says another member of the panel. "We've got an order to reduce overcrowding. But let me be clear: you mouth off to one guard, we catch you with a single cafeteria tray in your cell, you break any rules I don't even remember - you can park your ass here for four more months. So forget being sorry: can you stay out of trouble for five days?" House looks at the board members, who will decide whether he can go free, and answers quietly, "Yes."

It's Monday, Day One, and House ambles toward a medical dispense desk with a giant of a man, his cellmate, Asofa, who won't take his meds until House tells him the OK. Another prisoner in line, Mendelson, asks why House is helping Asofa. "Yeah, why would I want to make sure that my homicidal cellmate is taking the right antipsychotics?"

After House is given his own meds, he waits for Mendelson and informs the nurse that she's giving him the wrong dosage of propranolol. When her back is turned, House spits out the pill he just took and hands it to Mendelson. "I'm starting to think, Mendelson, that you just really like the taste of my spit." Mendelson laughs and shows off a new swastika tattoo.

"You've really got a thing for swastikas, Mendelson - like an ironic thing?"

House walks back to his cell, passing an older prisoner, Frankie, who looks to be playing chess with himself. House stops.

"Knight to king's bishop three," Frankie says. House thinks for a second. "Queen to king's bishop seven," he answers, and continues walking. But another prisoner, a young man named Nick, stops him, complaining of weird pains in his elbows and knees. "You know what's weirder?" House asks. "How the clinic is a large room, and you somehow confused me with it. " When he gets back to his cell, he sees a man rifling through his things.

"Hi, Rollo," House says. "I realize this is probably a rhetorical question, but why are you stealing my stuff?" He's heard that House is a short-timer now, so he won't need many supplies. "You heard about my parole, but not about my violent reactions when people steal my tuna?" Rollo knows House won't risk a fight this close to possible release, and he won't tell the guards, because he could face retribution for snitching.

But House looks like he doesn't care about any of that, until Frankie appears at the doorway and stops him. "You wanna get back at these guys?" Frankie asks. "Get out alive on Friday. Now get to work."

House mops the floor of a bathroom as a huge prisoner named Stomper, who also knows about his upcoming release, demands his stereo and his headphones, while peeing on the floor House is trying to clean. But there's nothing House can do. Later, he's pushing his cleaning cart in the prison hospital as a young female doctor, Dr. Jessica Adams, takes the temperature of Nick, the prisoner who complained to House about weird pains. "99.9," she says to Dr. Sykes, the older doctor, supervising the clinic. "I'm going to start him on ceftriaxone." Dr. Sykes agrees. House doesn't.

He walks past Adams toward a nearby trash bin and whispers, "It's not gonorrhea." He knows she suspects gonorrhea based on Nick's symptoms, but Nick disagrees with the diagnosis as well. "I've only been in here one week, my girlfriend’s clean, I ain't got a girlfriend in here."

Adams wants to know how House knows about ceftriaxone.

"House used to be a doctor," Sykes explains. She's surprised. "That look of shock is elitist and offensive. Doctors can be degenerates. This is America," House explains. And Nick's subtle eyebrow loss points to lupus. Adams says there's no rash on his face and there's no reason to check his body for a rash, as House suggests, since lupus doesn't usually present that way.

"Usually?" House asks, disgusted. "Well, I guess that's good enough for prison work." And he starts to wheel his cart out of the clinic. But before he leaves, he makes sure to ask the doctor: "You don't write people up for mouthing off, do you?" Adams laughs. "Not usually."

Back in his cell, Frankie advises House not to mess with Stomper, the peeing inmate who wants House's stereo. House has a plan.

Later, when Stomper arrives and demands the stereo, House tells him he put it in Stomper's cell ... whereupon Rollo immediately took it. And he added a tale of Rollo dissing Stomper for effect. That was enough to set Stomper off in search of Rollo, in whose cell the stereo appeared, thanks to House. When the inevitable fight starts, both men are carted away by guards. House is free to sit back and listen to his headphones, until Frankie comes in. "That was stupid," he tells
House. House says they'll both be gone until long after he's released. "You have four days left," Frankie says. "How many more tricks do you got?"

It's Tuesday, and House is awakened by a cricket in his cell. He wants to flick it away, but Asofa tells him not to. "Another pet?" House asks. "This is gonna end badly, again. Remember when we talked about this? At least I talked. You stared at me, eerily. I think it was eerily. Eerily felt like a best-case scenario." The cricket gets to stay.

Later, House visits Nick to see if he can spot the rash he suspects. He reports his findings to Adams in the clinic.

"Lupus-boy and I were at the beach this morning, and I noticed a rash on his left thigh," Adams has done her homework on House since their first meeting. "You were a pretty big deal," she says. "What went wrong?" He tells her it was something "very obvious and very boring." She guesses drug-related, forging prescriptions. "Oh, you're good," House lies. "Just like lupus-boy will be when you start him on prednisone. The name should have been a giveaway. I'll send him up."

What makes him so sure she'll do what he says? "Because you're a smart, old money, trust fund girl, who took this job because your liberal ideology makes you want to make a difference, but you're already getting bored, and this is interesting."

She's confused. How would he know any of that? He looks her over.

He explains: "Your shoes: a different, expensive pair every day - never leather, which means you're both rich and liberal. Antique locket: it's unpolished gold, not some hipster thing, it's a family heirloom, which means old money. Osler scarf: only on Fridays, which means you did your residency at Hopkins, which means you're smarter than our interactions would so far indicate. And your eyes: the only time you haven't looked bored in the three months since you've been here is when we've been discussing this diagnosis. So, yeah, you'll treat him for lupus."

While House is walking back to his cell, Mendelson calls for him. He's heard about House's parole, too. "You know what the rules are," Mendelson says. "On short time, tax goes up." He wants all of the Vicodin House gets. "Come on," House protests. "I should be on six a day. I get four and I give you two." But Mendelson isn't negotiating. "Fine," House says. "I get one in my cell after lights-out, plus Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. That's 11 in all." Mendelson wants 20, though. "You knew on Monday you'd get out Friday. Five days. Should have told me earlier." What if he just gets himself put in protective custody until his parole? "You could PC up," Mendelson says. "But then, you'll get out. And unlike you, I got friends on the outside." House hits up Porter, a young inmate, to help him score the Vicodin. "At least 16, and I need them Friday at noon," he says. "That's pricey, but it can be done," Porter says. "How about you have one of your peeps on the outside send $200 to my boy up in Trenton." House is "peepless," though.

While he's bargaining with Porter, he hears Nick screaming in pain. He's holding his arm. He's in agony from the slightest touch, but Nick says all he did was bump into a wall. It's not lupus.

House wakes up Wednesday morning with terrible leg pain, but he knows he can't use up his Vicodin. Plus, Asofa's cricket is sick and he wants House to fix him.

When he gets to the clinic, House tells Adams that Nick broke his arm, and it's not lupus. "Or, it is lupus and he was in a fight," she says. He might lie about being in a fight to a guard, but why would he lie to House? She won't let House see the patient file, but tells him Nick hasn't had any recent meds which could have caused a reaction. He's a smoker, so what about lung cancer? "We'll x-ray him on Friday," Adams says.

House isn't used to waiting like that, plus then he won't be around to hear the results. "We share a traveling x-ray machine with two other clinics," she tells him. "How about if he throws a clot and strokes out, you can use the x-ray to do the autopsy? Start him on blood thinners."

"Very interesting practice you must have run," Adams says. "No need for tests, no need for proof." House wheels out the cart, off to the "proof store."

While House is trying to listen to Nick's lungs in the common area, he spots Frankie walking by.

"Heading out to the yard? Mind trying to find me a cricket?" He's going to try to switch out Asofa's cricket. "I'll try," Frankie says. "But they spray so much pesticide. I'm surprised we're alive." That gives House an idea.

House catches up to Porter to ask about the Vicodin. But he can't help House out, as the white supremacists have put in a claim on all Porter's Vicodin. "I love you and all, my brother, but not as much as I love my gang of crazy, 'roided-out Nazi bitches."
House, rubbing his sore leg, is directing Adams’ examination of Nick’s chest in the clinic, until she can hear an acoustical shadow. "Means he’s got a tumor," House says. But they disagree on whether it’s lung cancer. She suggests a clotting test. While they’re waiting for the results, Adams asks if House is really leaving medicine.

"Before I went to med school, I thought about getting a PhD in physics. You ever heard of dark matter? The way the galaxies rotate, the motion of the universe, means there’s six times more stuff than we can detect. It’s been theorized, but no one’s ever proved it exists." House says it’s the greatest mystery there is, the theory of everything. "And completely divorced from humanity," Adams notes. "Well, me and humanity, we got together too young," House tells her.

Adams says that he has a gift, something that he’s undeniably good at. "You can read people, you understand them. You gotta go back to medicine," she says. "Well, if that gift is related to what brought me here, you’ll understand if I want to check the returns policy," House says.

Meanwhile, the tiny incision on Nick’s ear that Adams cut for the clotting test is gushing blood. "Cool," she says, amazed.

On Thursday morning, House wakes up with a plan to save Asofa’s cricket. "Jiminy didn’t chirp much last night. If it’s a disease, he’s six inches under," House says, while pouring baking soda into a plastic water bottle. He shakes the bottle. "But this could also be pesticide poisoning, which bicarbonate of soda has been used to treat." He puts some of the mixture on leaves for the cricket. House looks at Asofa. "This is where you say thank you. Or, I say thank you, for not killing me ... Thank you." House looks at his remaining Vicodin. He still needs a lot more.

In the clinic later, Adams starts telling House how Nick’s x-ray was negative for tumors, but notices his leg is giving him a lot of pain. She offers ibuprofen, but he knows that won’t help. She does let him look at Nick’s medical file, though. Does that mean she trusts him? "Is there any reason I shouldn’t?" she asks. He tells her she’s terrible at reading people. "People are complicated, and people change," she says. "Not that much to the first, and not at all to the second," House replies, grabbing for the file.

She thinks it’s a toxin, if they add clotting disorder to the symptoms. He’s the only person with symptoms, so it’s got to be something either in his cell or his workstation, the laundry room, like a solvent or a detergent. But before they get any further, Sykes comes in and demands to know why Adams gave House another inmate’s medical file. Their mini-differential diagnosis is over for now.

House goes to Nick’s cell to tell him about getting some samples from the laundry, but Nick is more interesting in trying to call his girl, who refuses to talk to him. House notices how slowly Nick is moving. "This thing’s attacking your bones, your joints, your blood." Nick tells him his girl is more important.

"She’s not your girl, you idiot! She was the girlfriend of a loser drug dealer. You think she’s got the self-control to wait around for three years? You think she should? There’s a reason we’re locked away from nice, normal people. Life outside is over. Your friends, your girl, everyone you worked with have moved on." Nick orders House to leave his cell.

In the clinic, while Sykes is away, House asks Adams for some cotton swabs so he can get the samples himself. She refuses. "Why did you lie to me about what you were in for?" "OK, so I drove a car into a wall instead of stealing some pills," House says. "You obviously don’t care what I did. You care that I lied to you. You feel jilted."

What she’s feeling is stupid. "It doesn’t even make sense. Why are you doing time? You didn’t have any priors. You didn’t hurt anyone." House says he had a bad lawyer. Adams just laughs. "I’m sorry. We can’t talk about this case anymore."

House walks back to his cell and is immediately pummeled by one of Mendelson’s goons. "We hear you’re going to need an incentive to get all my pills by tomorrow," Mendelson says. But House doesn’t think he can get them in time. Mendelson tells House’s attacker to leave and he leans in to House. "Why do you think I’m on buspirone?" Mendelson asks. "For stress. I get the runs almost every day. Any sign of weakness, 20 guys would line up to stick a sharpened up toothbrush in my eye. So as much as my better nature really wants to give you a pass, it just wouldn’t be good for my health. See you tomorrow."

House goes to Frankie for help. He borrows a stick of gum and a ballpoint pen, which he clicks to expose the sharp point. "This is plan B," House says.

In the bathroom, House starts a fire with toilet rolls, cleaning solution, and the aluminum gum wrapper, which he folded and weaved through a power outlet. By the time he wheels his
cleaning cart to the clinic, fire alarms are going off everywhere. When Adams turns her back, he
swipes a bottle of Vicodin and takes about half the pills in it.

Nick follows House back to his cell, asking for help. "You're confusing me with the clinic
again." House says. What changed? How come House doesn't want to help him anymore?

"I'm just done," House tells him. "No you, medicine, fixing people. Done. Now get out." But Nick
looks like he can barely stand up. House can see his lips are swelling. Has he eaten anything?
Just meatloaf, potatoes, and coffee. As House moves closer, Nick collapses. "Guards!" House
yells. Nick is in anaphylactic shock. No one is coming, so House has to improvise: he uses
Frankie's pen to perform a tracheotomy on Nick. But he still has no idea what's wrong with him.

Late at night, House wakes up in pain. He reaches for the pills under his pillow, but at first
he resists. Seconds later, though, the temptation is too great, and he takes one, and then a few
more.

Now it's Friday morning, and House's pill spree from the night before means he'll be short of
what he needs to give Mendelson. At that point, it hardly matters, so he pops a handful. Then
he walks to the toilet and flushes the rest. "Great knowing you," he says to Asofa, as he walks
to the door and asks a guard to take him to protective custody. But on his way, the steam from
another guard's coffee cup gives him an idea.

In the clinic, he tells Adams and Sykes, who are both ministering to Nick, that it was the heat
that caused Nick's collapse. "It's mastocytosis. It can be set off by hot liquids, like the coffee he
just drank." Sykes says that's usually a skin disease.

"Usually?" Adams asks. "It can hit any organ. Joint pain, osteopenia, and anaphylaxis, eye-
brow loss, it fits." Sykes admits that it's a possibility and says he'll run some blood tests. "No!"
House yells. "It's almost impossible to confirm masto with blood work! Just give him five aspirin."

Sykes is confused. If he has masto, he'll go into anaphylactic shock and he won't be able
to breathe again. But that's exactly how House plans to confirm the diagnosis. Sykes won't
risk running an unauthorized test. "Nick wants them to do it, and Adams agrees. But Sykes is
adamant. "You're a moron and a coward. I'll do it myself," House says. Sykes calls a guard to
stop him. "You're done here," Sykes tells him. "Just like every other place you've ever set foot in
your life. If I ever see you in here again I will write you up and they will revoke your parole."

House walks out, but Adams follows him to the hallway. "Did you get all the Vicodin you
needed?" she whispers to him. "I'm not an idiot. The fire, the bruise on your face. I talk to
prisoners; I know about exit taxes, you're clearly getting squeezed." He tells her he needs 20. She
pulls out a bottle and hands him the pills. "I need to get back to the clinic, when Sykes is gone,"
he says. But Adams tells him she'll take care of Nick. "Just take care of yourself," she says.

In the prison common area, House walks up to Mendelson, who's amusing himself playing
with House's cane. House opens his palm to show Mendelson the pills. "Well done," Mendelson
says. "I knew if you learned nothing else in here, you'd learn the smart thing to do is fall in line."
House looks around the room, sighs and then looks back at Mendelson. "You're absolutely right,"
he says. And he throws the pills in the air, leading to a mad scramble between the prisoners on
the floor. Mendelson punches House, but House thanks him - the blood will get him to the clinic.

What he didn't count on was another of Mendelson's men coming at him with a giant knife.
House yells for a guard, but by now dozens of prisoners are fighting and the guard can't get to
him. As the man gets closer to House, and lifts the knife, suddenly he's knocked out from behind.
It's Asofa, coming to House's rescue. He frees House and beats Mendelson to a pulp until guards
finally pull him off.

Adams tends to House in the clinic, along with other inmates being brought in. Nick is in the
next bed over. House gets up from his bed and looks for aspirin so he can confirm the masto.
Adams realizes that House got himself beaten up on purpose, and soon Sykes sees what's going
on. House locks Sykes out of the room.

"They're going to revoke your parole!" Adams warns him. "They're going to charge you with
extra crimes - you'll be here six more months. Minimum."

But House is busy crushing aspirin. "I checked your file," she says. "You didn't have a bad
lawyer, you had no lawyer. You took the first deal they offered you because you wanted to punish
yourself. You think getting beaten up, you think saving this one guy will wipe your slate clean?"
No, he just wants to use his "gift."

House hands Nick the crushed aspirin in water and tells him he should get an attack almost
immediately. "You just bought yourself a month in solitary," Adams says. "Was it really worth
“It?” “If I’m wrong, no it wasn’t,” House says.

But the guards come in before Nick can drink. Sykes and Adams watch them handcuff House and take him away. Suddenly, Adams races over to Nick and gives him the mixture. “No!” Sykes yells. “You’re fired. You’re beyond fired. You’re completely un-hirable anywhere. You understand that?” She does. “Now shut up and let’s see if he has an attack.” But nothing happens.

It’s Saturday. House is alone in solitary confinement. There’s only a shaft of light. A guard shoves a metal food tray through a slot in the door. There’s a folded up note on the tray: “You were right!” it says.
Transplant

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Recurring Role: Ron Perkins (Dr. Ron Simpson), Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Liza Snyder (Vanessa), Jimmy Stathis (Dr. Pinto), Heather McComb (Theresa), Bruce McKenzie (Mr. Weathers), Michele Marsh (Betty), Ralph Garman (Bobby), Wayne Lopez (C.O. Alvarez), Charles Chun (Kwansik Park), Kamall Shaikh (Technician)
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Summary: Foreman brings House back to Princeton Plainsboro under parole to deal with an infected pair of lungs needed for a transplant patient. House is forced to work with a timid intern, the loss of his former team, Wilson's hostility, and a new set of rules to find a cure in time to save the patient.

"Get up, House." A guard wakes House up in his cell in the middle of the night. There's a "VIP" visitor waiting to see him. "Dean of Medicine from your old hospital." House asserts his right to refuse any visitor: "Tell the Dean that I don't want to see her." "He said you'd say that," the guard answers. Now House is curious. "He?"

The guard leads House to a visitor room, where, sitting at the table with a laptop and a familiar dour expression is Dr. Foreman. "I can get you out of here," Foreman says. Foreman pulls out a judge's order. "For your immediate release," he says.

Now House is just confused. He had eight months added to his sentence, and that was just two months ago. It’s a "conditional parole." "The condition being," Foreman says, "that you’re employed by me." But is it really a good idea for House to go right back to his old life? House isn’t sure.

Foreman confidently opens the laptop and shows House the screen. "Your patient is two lungs in a box," Foreman says, as House looks at a pair of lungs being artificially inflated inside a glass box. The lungs will only be viable for 12 more hours. "No pulse, no body, no ability to answer questions. It's your perfect patient."

Foreman springs House and explains the case. The donor is a college kid who died after a motorcycle accident. Asystole in the ER, with no pulse, no blood circulation, and his other organs were destroyed. But the lungs don’t need circulating blood, just access to air.

"Surgeons had the recipient on the table when they realized the lungs had increased airway resistance," Foreman explains. "Team closed her up, put the lungs in suspended animation." They have 24 hours to fix the lungs, 12 of which have already passed. "We still have no clue what's wrong."
House enters the hospital and surveys the lobby, taking notice of a new painting: "Blues and greens. Calming with a hint of nurturing. Totally offsets the stench of suffering and death." It doesn’t take House long to assume his former role of superior and hand a file to Foreman, who suggests he can just take it himself to his office. "I completely understand, and almost respect, your desire to appear to be Dean of Medicine, given that your title is Dean of Medicine. On the other hand... seriously?"

Foreman has some ground rules, though. "You break the law, you go back to jail. Scam extra Vicodin, back to jail. Without my authority, make the hospital look bad, back to jail. I own you."

"Yes, massa," House says.

They walk toward House’s office, but he’s surprised to see a doctor sawing a cast off a patient in the outer office. "Ortho needed more space," Foreman says, leading him away. "Where’s my stuff? What about my team?" House asks. Taub, Chase, and Thirteen have all moved on in the last year. "Here’s your new office," Foreman says, showing him a closet-sized room. "And there’s your new team."

House sees Dr. Chi Park, a shy, young, Asian-American doctor in thick glasses sitting in a corner. "Hi," she tentatively greets House. He immediately leaves.

"Dr. House!" Park chases House down the hall. "Dr. Foreman assigned me to this case." But he isn’t interested in another department’s "sloppy seconds." "It’s 3 a.m. If Foreman had called you in from home, you wouldn’t have pressed clothes, coiffed hair, and makeup, which means you were already here in the hospital." She says that she was on-call for neurology.

"If that were true, you’d be working right now, and unavailable to help," House tells her. "Which means that you’re hanging out in the hospital pretending to work. Which means you’re not just a reject, you’re a cowardly reject who is trying to hide her rejectedness from someone." She says she’s not a reject at all, but it’s true she can’t go back to neurology: "I punched my attending."

The two of them walk to the room where the lungs are being kept and looked after by Dr. Ron Simpson... and Wilson. Simpson explains the case as Wilson tries to avoid making eye contact with House. "ARDS, secondary to trauma, is our leading hypothesis. FiO2 is 93 percent—" "PRISON!" House interrupts loudly, and looks around the room. "Sorry, I thought I heard everyone else think that. I was in prison, you see. It was a long time ago, but you're curious."

"Sorry, Dr. House," Simpson sighs. "Welcome back."

With that out of the way, House gets back to the case. "Any alveolar exudate?" Simpson says that the lungs are dry, so House rules out ARDS. "It’s tick-borne disease season. Ehrlichiosis causing bronchiolitis. You’ll appreciate that I left the ‘idiots’ subtextual," he says to Wilson.

But the blood work was clear. "And we ‘idiots’ treated with broad-spectrum antibiotics," Wilson tells him. House suggests cocaine, but Simpson says the tox screen was clean. "Dead men don’t pee. Tox screen tests for metabolites in urine. Coke never got past the lungs. Also explains the motorcycle crash... idiots."

Simpson calls for treatment, but House says that if the diagnosis is wrong, the treatment will destroy the lungs. "I’d call you idiots, but at this point I’m starting to doubt whether you understand what I mean by the word." House turns to Park: "Kato! Get Black Beauty and meet me out front." They’re going to look for the crash victim’s drug stash to confirm the diagnosis.

"Since an 18-year-old with ‘organ donor’ on his license is not a cancer patient, I’m figuring the recipient is a lifetime member of the Wilson Cares Too Much Club," House says to Wilson as they exit the room. He figures Wilson must be the reason he is out of jail. "Doesn’t quite make up for never visiting..."

But Wilson tells him that it was all Foreman’s idea. "I wasn’t convinced until Simpson failed three times." House won’t believe that Wilson doesn’t still care about him. "I was wrong. I went to prison. I paid the price." So he’s a changed man? "I said I was wrong. I didn’t say I changed. I haven’t. Neither have you." "Analyze it however you like," Wilson says, "we’re not friends anymore."

Wilson enters the recipient, Vanessa’s, room, and adjusts the nitro to help relieve her angina. Her sister, Theresa, is sitting by her bedside. "Sis and I have been talking, trying to remember how many hospital sleep-overs we’ve had." she says. Vanessa recalls it began with her mastectomy in 2001. "God I miss my boobs. They were spectacular," Theresa laughs. She asks Wilson if there’s a chance they’ll find another donor. "It’s unlikely," he says. "Especially since with the extent of the emphysema, she needs a double-lung." But he lets them know that the hospital brought in a
"consultant" to help on the case. "Do you know him? Is he good?" Theresa asks. Wilson chooses his words carefully. "He is an excellent doctor."

"We probably shouldn't be turning up unannounced like this," Park says, as she and House arrive at the victim's house while it's still the middle of the night. "Their son just died." House points out the bright side: "They're probably up weeping." Also it turns out they have something in common: "We both assaulted our bosses. It's like we're twins. OK, I'll go first: my boss dumped me. And yours - what? Called you his China doll? Joked about what a crappy deal you got for Manhattan? Assumed that you have a huge penis? I have no idea what flavor you are, so I thought I'd just cover the spread."

"My mom's Filipino, dad's Korean, and my boss grabbed my behind." "Behind what? Oh, grabbed your tushie. So now you're pretending to be on-call so that your overly protective boyfriend won't find out that you got groped." She says that she doesn't have a boyfriend. "It's my parents. If they found out what I've done, they'd be mortified." How would her parents know her call schedule? She lives with them. "Right," House says. "No issues there."

"I told you, my son didn't do cocaine!" The teenager's father tells House, as he starts upending the boy's room. "Druggies are not known for their honesty. Trust me on this one," House says, as he pops some pills. Mr. Weathers angrily says his son, Steve, was an athlete who took good care of himself. Park thinks that they're about to get thrown out, while House is rummaging through a closet. "Nope. His son's dead. The only way that has any meaning is if we fix the lungs and transplant them. Doesn't matter how much we piss him off as long as we find something." And he tells her to go talk to the dad.

Steve was at a party that turned into an all-night poker game in a friend's basement. Meanwhile, House finds a glasses case, but in all the sports pictures, Steve's not wearing any glasses. "He just got them a couple of weeks ago," Mr. Weathers says. He was having headaches, Mr. Weathers tells him, as the door bell rings. "You're right," House says. "He was not doing cocaine. He had a brain tumor."

House tells him not to bother with the door. "It's for me," he says, rolling up his pant leg to show an ankle monitor, flashing red. " Turns out, they monitor these monitors." He's escorted away by the police, leaving Park alone in the doorway. "I thought the bracelet was decorative. My aunt had one just like it. Wait a minute..."

House is back at the hospital, thanks again to Foreman, who isn't pleased: "You're allowed to be at the hospital. You're allowed to go home. That was made clear." "The dead kid's house was on the way to my apartment... assuming I got lost twice," House says. Foreman is fed up. "Those consultants in my office are only costing the hospital a hundred bucks every minute I keep them waiting. Why didn't you just tell me what you were doing?" He might have cleared it in advance with the cops. "It's the word 'might' that bumps me. But I'll run it by you next time," House says. "Getting you out jail," Foreman says, "was not a popular decision with the Board. I need you to solve this. And I need you to do it without making it look like I can't control you. For both our sakes."

House meets Park in the morgue to review Steve's body. Park can't believe House would knowingly violate his parole and disrespect Mr. Weathers after he'd been gracious. He pulls back in mock fear of a punch from her. "Disciplinary hearing should be fun," House teases. "That and the subsequent lingering black mark on your record." She says that she's not worried. House begins to feel around the body for a tumor, which he says will be quicker than an MRI. And he's got Park figured out: she's going to leave the hospital. Otherwise, there's no way she wouldn't be worried about a hearing. "I had a video interview with Chicago yesterday," she says, sighing. "It went well."

House pulls out a sample and hands it to her in a tiny vial. "My money's on rhabdomyosarcoma. Chicago has a great program. And you're a dumb-ass. Running away from home is a time-honored tradition. But you're not doing it to flee your parents. You're doing it to protect them. That's an insult to everything teen prostitutes have worked for. Time to grow up and come clean." "You're right," Park says. "I should just drive my car into the living room and tell them."

"Didn't it turn out that he'd stolen the hot dog cart?" "No, borrowed. Bobby was very insistent on that point." The two sisters are laughing and reminiscing when Wilson comes in. Vanessa's chest pain is gone. Wilson asks about Bobby, but Vanessa says they aren't in touch anymore. "And don't even pretend like you're not relieved," Vanessa tells him. "You never liked him." Wilson says Bobby is a fun, great guy. "Just not a great influence." Theresa says that "colossal drunk" is
Wilson notices Vanessa’s catheter bag is empty, even though she’s taken in a lot of fluid. That means he’ll have to reduce the nitro, which in turn will bring back her chest pain. “We don’t have any choice,” Wilson says. “The nitro is dropping the blood flow to your kidneys. They’re shutting down.” Wilson heads toward his office, and hears Celine Dion’s “My Heart Will Go On” getting louder and louder. It’s House playing the music in Wilson’s office.

“This is so our song,” he says. Wilson shuts the music off. “I want to be understanding. It’s your first day back...” House interrupts him. “See? I smell empathy. Why don’t you ever remember the good times? Like, when I gave you that necklace and you just dumped it into the ocean. What were you thinking?” But Wilson says for every good memory, “there’s a slew of bad ones.”

Park arrives to tell them that paraneoplastic syndrome is out. Steve didn’t have cancer. The mass House found in Steve’s arm was coagulated plasma, from an IV leak while he was in the emergency room. "I even did a complete MRI. No cancer anywhere. We've got nothing," she says. House thinks that even though it wasn’t a tumor, the plasma could have messed with the lungs. "But every unit of plasma can have up to 25 contributing donors. We'd need to track down all of them," she says. "Still, not as bad as a thousand people going down in a gigantic boat, right?" House notes.

"No, you can't leave the hospital." Foreman lays down the verdict to House. "You asked me to ask you - was that just so you'd enjoy saying no?" House asks. Foreman doesn't trust House, not outside the walls of the hospital. "Fine," House says. "then give me a team I don't have to put in quotation marks. Give me Chase, Taub, Thirteen." But Foreman tells him there's no money to pay them. "We only have Park because she's on Neurology’s tab. You are making minimum wage here." And he throws House out of his office.

"Number 3 went to a baseball game, day before he donated." House has Wilson and Park researching all the donors and checking in via phone. Could peanuts eaten at the game have caused the problem, if Steve was allergic? "Nice," House says to Wilson, who still denies their friendship. "I'm not doing this for you. I'm doing it to help my patient."

House passes by what used to be his office and spots his whiteboard. But when he tries to snag it, a nurse tells him Foreman warned them about House, and told them to call if House tried anything. "I'd like to do that," the nurse says, smiling. House settles on the next best thing: he shuts the white blinds of the office and writes on the glass on the opposite side, as Park calls.

Donor 6 was in Thailand, in a region endemic with dengue fever. House notes that and other clues on the board, as Wilson and Park continue to call about what they find. Park thinks she may have an answer, when she finds one of the donors living with other homeless men near an underpass undergoing a new paint job. "They scraped off the underpass probably because it contains lead."

"Is there any way to take the edge off?" Vanessa pleads with Wilson to help with her chest pain. He assures her they're working on the lungs and should have an answer soon. Wilson sees House, and they sit in the lobby. Wilson asks about the chelation. "Reverend Moon started it about twenty minutes ago. You missed lunch," House says, offering him a sandwich from the cafeteria. "Thanks. Lead exposure's a nice diagnosis. I hope it pays off." House is confident that it will. "Even if your patient dies, someone will get the lungs." Wilson is taken aback. "You really haven't changed. But I've given up red meat," he says, tossing the sandwich in the trash.

Foreman checks in on Park as she starts the fourth round of chelation. "Is House OK?" he asks. But she has no idea. "Are you sure bringing him back was a good-" "No," Foreman answers.

Just then Park sees an Asian-American at the door, holding a plastic food container. "Dad? What are you doing here?" He says he got her text, asking him to bring her some food. Park is confused. "I went by Neurology. The secretary said you were on leave." Park quickly says she's consulting on this new case. Her dad looks in and sees the lungs in a box. "Looks very complicated. You can help with that?" he asks. Suddenly the lungs start to crash, and she runs in to help Foreman. "Chelation's making it worse! Which means we were wrong about lead," she says. Foreman relaxes the vasospasm with a calcium channel blocker, and the left lung pinks up. But the right middle lobe stays white. They killed part of the lung.

House and Park walk toward Dr. Pinto's office, the new home of House's former chair. "One dead lobe means four live ones," House says. "Means enough to transplant, with a side order of dead tissue that we can test." Park agrees that makes sense, "unlike you stealing my phone."
"Until your parents know, you'll never see that punch for what it really was: your February 4th."
She looks at him, confused. "Sri Lankan Independence Day." "I told you I'm Korean-Filipino," she
reminds him. "And I told you I wasn't listening. By my actions."
Park thinks violence isn't the right way to deal with conflict. "It was a moment of weakness."
Maybe violence isn't a character flaw, but her character. "Embrace your inner bitch." And House
wants Park to help him steal back his chair, but she refuses. She tells him she found some of the
plasma they used on Steve, but it was negative for all the other exposures. "Sarcoidosis could
be inflamed by the treatment." House says. Park says the ACE was negative, though. House tells
her that the chair is his and it's her job to help him. "My job is to assist you in curing the lungs,"
she says. House argues that the chair will help him do that, but she's not going for it.
She wonders if there might have been other heavy metals on the bridge, like beryllium or
asbestos, while she watches House try to scoot the chair out of the office. But the chelation
wouldn't have made the lungs worse. House can't get the chair past the door, but that gives him
an idea: "Maybe the problem isn't the heavy metal from outside. It's inside. It's not leaving the
body like it's supposed to. It's stuck." He thinks it's iron, and Steve had hemosiderosis. He tells
her to stain the dead lung tissue for iron.
"She can barely catch her breath," Theresa tells Wilson, as Vanessa struggles to breathe.
Wilson listens to her lungs and tells her that her small airways are collapsing, so she's not
getting enough oxygen. "I'd like to try forcing an oxygen-rich slurry into your lungs. It should
open up the airways and buy you some time until the lungs are ready." Vanessa says that fluid
in the lungs sounds like drowning, and she doesn't want the pain. "No, I'm done."
House has a new hiding place: a bathroom, where Wilson finds him reading a magazine and
waiting for test results. "My patient signed a DNR. She's giving up. Looks like someone else will
be getting the lungs. Making this yet another interaction with you in which I get nothing." House
doesn't know why it's his fault that Wilson can't handle his patient.
"She said she's done," Wilson says. "I spent half an hour trying to change her mind, but she'd
made her decision. I accepted that. It's called respect." There's always another angle, House tells
him. "Hold her hand, get the sister to beg, stick your fingers in your ears and pretend you can't
hear. You do whatever it takes." "Oh - whatever it takes?" Wilson says. "Thanks, House, I hadn't
thought of that."
"I spoke to the head of neurology in Chicago. Gave you a good recommendation," Foreman
tells Park. Did he tell them anything about the incident? "Lawyers say I'm not allowed to. Works
out well for everyone." Wait, why is that good for Foreman? "I'm a talented physician," Park says.
"Top two percent of my class. I'm an asset to this hospital - an asset you're about to lose to
Chicago!"
Foreman is confused: "You applied for the job. You asked me to recommend you." She says
that her supervisor should be the one to leave: he touched her first. Foreman can't discuss any of
that before her hearing. "But if you're having doubts about Chicago, I can call them back." "No,
thank you," she tells him, quietly, looking back at her microscope. Suddenly she sees something
strange on the slide: white blood cells. "Classic presentation of infection," Foreman says. How
did they miss that?
"Infection was right after all," House says to Park. The transplant team treated for infection,
but it was hiding in the lungs' cells. "Obligate intracellular organism!" Park realizes. "I'm thinking
Brucella, but to wipe that out, you need special ops." Park looks at him, confused. "An intact
immune system," he explains. Isn't that what white blood cells are? "A part of the immune
defense force. Like the infantry. Those lungs need the Air Force, Marines - antibodies raining
down from above." She's still lost. "Antibiotics and IVIG." "Did you use metaphors for your old
team, or do you just think I'm particularly stupid?" Park asked. "No," he says. "They were stupid,
too."
"What are you doing here?" Theresa races toward the door when she sees Vanessa's ex, Bobby,
coming in with Wilson. He's there to see Vanessa. "She asked me to come - right, doc?" But
actually it was Wilson who invited him. "When Vanessa was ready to quit chemo, Bobby was
the one who got her to do one more round." Theresa reminds him that he also got her drunk
afterward. "Hail, hail, the gang's all here," Vanessa says, weakly, from her bed. Bobby goes to her
and she takes his hand.
"Vanessa's going to do the lung slurry," Wilson tells House, who's found a new place for some
alone time: a CT scanner bed. "You were right to push me. I needed that. Thank you." So, does
that mean they’re back to normal? "It was good advice. Just came here to say thank you." As Wilson is leaving, House says, "I like you. I have fun with you. Now if you can honestly say that you don’t like me, that you don’t have fun with me, I can accept that. But, just do whatever you have to do to get over this. Punch me in the face, kick me in the nuts. Either or - both seems excessive.” "The thing is, House, I don’t like you,” Wilson says, and leaves.

House checks in on the lungs and finds they’re discolored. "Means we were wrong about infection,” he says. "Wrong about autoimmune, cancer, heavy metals, genetic issues.” "We’re close to the point of no return,” Simpson says. House needs ideas, fast. "Maybe we’re just out of time," Park says. "We’re out of time when we’re out of time. When they die or she dies,” House tells her.

House is bouncing a ball and thinking when he notices some of the staff celebrating a birthday at the nurses’ station. He watches a nurse blow out candles and has an idea. "The lungs are a smoker,” he tells Park. But Steve wasn’t a smoker. House remembers that Mr. Weathers said Steve was at a poker game. "Who plays poker without cigars? Even if he didn’t light up himself, it was a rainy night, the windows were closed. All parents think their kids are special. These ones were right. At least his white blood cells were special. They had an on-switch for reacting to smoke, but no off. When he inhaled small amounts of smoke, small problems, no one even noticed. Big amounts of smoke, it’s enough to trash a lung. As soon as he breathed in all that cigar smoke, he was a dead man. The motorcycle accident was an unnecessary dramatic flourish.”

Park gets it: "Eosinophilic pneumonitis." "I was right,” House says. "Not about anything medical, but my metaphors were perfect. We need to hit it harder. We need to carpet bomb. Blitzkrieg. We need the nuclear option.” "At some point you’re going to say we need to radiate, right?” Park asks. "See? Metaphors work,” House says.

Later, Park watches the lungs under radiation, beginning to turn pink again. "It’s working,” she tells Foreman, who’s just walked into the booth. "He did it. I’m not going to Chicago." That means she’ll have a disciplinary hearing. "I know.” She picks up the phone to call her parents.

In the surgery room, Simpson transplants the donor lungs to Vanessa. Later, Theresa and Wilson watch Bobby comforting Vanessa after the surgery. "Thank god you called him,” Theresa says. "Wonder what happens now?” Wilson says that Vanessa can handle it.

"House, got something for you,” Foreman calls to House as he’s walking out the door. He leads House to his old office, which has House’s name stenciled on it again. And Foreman found House’s things in storage. "This is all you get. Ortho still has the outer office.” "Well, that sucks. Where are Chase, Taub, and Thirteen going to sit?” "You’re welcome, House,” Foreman says, and leaves. Soon after, as House is surveying his new/old office, Wilson walks in. He heads straight over to House, looks him in the eye and socks him in the jaw, landing House on the floor.

Massaging his hurt hand, Wilson asks. "Dinner later? I’ll pick something up.” "I’ve heard about a good new vegetarian place,” House says. "Screw that. I want a steak. I’ll meet you at your place at eight,” Wilson tells him. House helps himself up with his cane and sits at his desk, happily putting his feet up and leaning back.
Charity Case

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Show Stars: Olivia Wilde (Thirteen), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Charlyne Yi (Dr. Chi Park), Odette Yustman (Dr. Jessica Adams), Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse), Ron Perkins (Dr. Ron Simpson)
Guest Stars: Niko Baur (Clancy), Rene Hamilton (Carol), Jacklyn Jonet (Amy), Joanna Strapp (Kate), Toni Trucks (Trina), Wentworth Miller (Benjamin Byrd)
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Summary: House and Park treat a patient, Benjamin, who collapsed after making a surprisingly large charity donation, and come to suspect that the altruistic behavior is a symptom of a deeper disorder. When the patient offers to donate an organ for another patient, the doctors must convince Thirteen to help them confirm whether Benjamin is in his right mind or not. Meanwhile, House cons Dr. Adams into volunteering her time as part of his team.

"If you don't know how to use a computer, we will teach you here. Most jobs require at least basic word processing skills." A perky aide is showing Benjamin Byrd, a serious-looking man in a t-shirt and a weathered jacket, around the busy Phoenix community outreach center. "We also have a course in how to talk to someone in an interview: what employers are looking for, how to turn negatives into positives. We can also provide clothes for the interview if you need them. People donate shoes and suits all the time."

Benjamin looks down and quietly asks her, "What if I had a history with drugs?" She tells him it's nothing to be ashamed of. "Many of our clients have struggled with addiction." "And what if I have a kid?" he asks. "If I need someone to watch her while I'm in class or on an interview? Could you help with that?"

The aide worker sighs. "We do not provide child care. Actually, it's something that comes up often. I would love to be able to do it; I just don't have the resources. But it's definitely on the wish list," she tells him. Benjamin smiles. "OK, thank you. I'll be back."

As he turns and walks away, she notices a white envelope on the floor: "For Phoenix." Inside is a cashier's check from the Benjamin Byrd Foundation made out to the Phoenix Foundation, for one million dollars. She quickly races after him, but he's already crossed the street. "Benjamin!" Suddenly, he collapses to the ground. "Somebody call an ambulance!"

House is surveying his post-prison scruffy beard and hair in the hospital bathroom mirror as he plugs in an electric shaver. He takes a bit off the beard... then shaves his head nearly to a buzz cut, as Dr. Park watches.
"Why am I watching you cut your hair?" she asks. "If I do it at home, I'm the one who has to clean it up," he says, after he's shorn a head full of hair all over the sink. "I was referring less to where it's happening and more to why," she clarifies. "New life, new look," House says.

"Doesn't seem like much of a case," Park says of the file she's holding as she and House walk down the hall. He looks annoyed. "Although I'm sure I'm wrong?" He tells her she is, and wants her to tell him why.

"Guy collapsed after being on his feet for hours, on a hot day, without breakfast. So... that's really weird," Park says, struggling to come up with the interesting part to Benjamin's case. "E.R. found nothing wrong," House says, "but then I decided I should test his wallet."

Wait, they're taking the case because he's rich? "No, we're taking the case because no one knows what's wrong with him," he explains. "And he's rich."

When they get to House's office, Dr. Jessica Adams, who met the incarcerated House while she was working in the prison, is waiting. "Give her the file," House says to Park, who is confused about why she has to give away her only copy of the case file. "My M.O. depends upon the use of a team. By definition, that involves more than one person." Park points out that House can't afford a team. "Adams is free. And I'm referring both to her availability and her price tag. New girl, meet newer girl, and vice versa."

Now Adams is confused. "You said we were meeting for coffee," she says. Adams is in the process of looking for a paying job. "In the meantime," House says, "there's no way a do-gooder like you isn't volunteering all over town, ladling kittens, spaying soup," House encourages her to think of this as another free clinic, "only with fewer bums with herpes."

But Park still thinks Benjamin's "case" is nothing more than dehydration. House looks at Adams. "What happened the last time another doctor told you I was wrong about a case?" "I lost my job," she says. There was one more thing, House reminds her: "You saved a life."

Park and Adams are performing an ultrasound on Benjamin, who says that he's feeling much better now. "A sudden collapse at your age can indicate a deterioration in the heart muscle," Adams tells him, though again Park says it could still be dehydration. And she says next time he could drop the undercover act.

Benjamin laughs. "I walk in in a suit, they're going to put their best foot forward. Also, I don't own a suit." He gave those away, too. "One day I was writing a check to my landscaper, and it suddenly hit me: $6,000 to take out plants and put in different plants," he explains. "So I can look at them. Why shouldn't I use that money to do something important?"

"And by money, you mean all your money?" Adams asks. "Well, I started with $10 million, but I couldn't think of a reason not to give $20 or $40," he says. "I figure I can live on $25,000 a year. One-room apartment, bus pass, thrift stores. Bare necessities. I still have my software company. And when I make more, I'll give that away, too."

"He's nuts!" Park tells House, back in his office. "He's generous," Adams counters. Park is sure it's a neurological issue. Adams says his echocardiogram was negative for cardiomyopathy and his CT showed no signs of stroke or hemorrhage. "He has one pair of pants!" Park says. "Benjamin is sacrificing his own comfort to help others," Adams tells her.

Park is adamant, though. "You really want to improve things? You do it through policy," she says. "This guy empties his pockets. What really changes? My parents had $800 dollars between them when they got here. They scraped and borrowed so that we could go to good schools, and I worked my ass off. No one gave me a handout. It makes me work harder."

But they can't continue the argument because Foreman walks in. "What's your evil plan?" he asks House. "My theory is that you're running a battery of tests to convince him that you saved his life, then con him into funding you to hire back your team. This is your new reality. You've got your office, you've got neighbors, you've got one employee and one volunteer until she finds actual paid work or gets sick of you."

House says that he's talked to Chase and Taub: "They're willing to come back." And Thirteen? "Not a good choice," he says. "She's not long-term because she has no long-term." "Not taking your calls?" Foreman asks. House sits back. "She will."

Foreman wants him to discharge Benjamin. "Unexplained loss of consciousness could be cardiomyopathy, global anoxia, a subarachnoid hemorrhage..." But Foreman thinks it's simple dehydration. "He was given fluids and he got better, and I'm sure your tests have come up negative or you'd have shut me up already. Which means he goes home."
He turns to leave, but Park tells him there actually is a symptom: extreme altruism. Foreman smiles. "You've got two choices, House: you can recognize that your patient is just a very nice, healthy guy and send him home or you can consider altruism a symptom. In which case, you cannot take his money." Foreman leaves. "Send him home," House tells the doctors. "And check with admitting for the net worth of all new patients."

"I'm not coming back, House." Almost out the hospital door, House hears Thirteen calling him from a bench in the lobby. "Technically, you're back right now." But she's just there to tell him to quit calling. "I'm not a doctor anymore, House."

"The job went away, but not the profession," he says, looking her over. "You look healthy, so that's not it. You met a boy. Or a girl. Fell in love, want to be happy. You decided to enjoy the time you have left. You're going to Thailand."

"Girl, and Mykonos," she says. House pretends to yawn. "Turns out I like boring." "No, you want to like boring," he tells her. "But if you actually liked boring, you would have figured that out in fifth grade when you were bored."

"Please stop calling me," Thirteen says, and turns to leave. "No," he tells her. "You showed up to tell me that you don't want to hear from me. That's a mixed signal. I'm going to choose to listen to your actions, rather than your words, because they're more honest."

"I'm a little confused. You're running a test and discharging me?" Benjamin says to Park and Adams. "Was I dehydrated or not?" "I think so," Adams says. "But out of an abundance of caution, my colleague has taken it upon herself to do one more test."

Then she tells Benjamin that he scares her a little. "I've been considering applying to Doctors Without Borders, going overseas for a while, and that seems like a huge sacrifice. But you..." Park interrupts her. "You don't scare her. You make her feel guilty." Suddenly he grabs his chest. "You're tachycardic. Your heart's beating too fast," Park says.

"There's definitely something wrong with him," Park tells House the next day, while he stares at the outer office that used to house his team, now occupied by orthopedics. "Which is awe-some," House says. "Now there's something to cure, which means there's something for him to be disproportionately financially grateful for."

Meanwhile, Adams enters brightly, offering coffee to Park, who's confused when Adams won't take money for it. House thinks maybe arrhythmia caused Benjamin's collapse, but Adams tells him they didn't see any structural abnormalities while looking at his heart the day before. Maybe occult long QT syndrome? Park suggests Whipple's. "If it was Whipple's, there'd be some neurological involvement," House says. "You don't think defying human nature is neurological?" she asks.

"Racing heart: medical condition; bleeding heart: stupid condition," House says. Park thinks maybe House doesn't really believe that, but that it's in his financial best interest. "I'm told that some people are just nice," he says. "I'm trying to embrace that wisdom."

Adams notes that Benjamin has been taking allergy medication, and long QT can be medication-induced. "Flush him with saline. Get rid of the antihistamine and do an EKG," House orders, then changes his mind: "No, wait. I'll do the flushing." And he tells Adams to take Park's money, since she hasn't even sipped from the cup yet.

"I just got so angry, you know? So, I made a terrible mistake. I'm trying to start my life over." House is laying it on thick for Benjamin, while preparing the saline bag. "To help people, the way I always wanted. But my department got de-funded," House sighs, sadly, "and it's my fault. I just can't stand to think of all those patients going untreated because I don't have the resources to do my best work."

It looks like it may have worked. "How about I help you out?" Benjamin asks. House feigns confusion. "How do you mean?" Benjamin offers to give a million dollar endowment to the hospital, earmarked for Diagnostics. House stares at him. "Wow. I am an opportunistic ex-con who just gave you a two-minute sob story, as step 3 in my master plan, and you offered me a million dollars. Which is step 17." Benjamin smiles. "Is that bad?" "Ethics are not my strong suit," House tells him.

"Hypothetical: if I'm offered oral sex from a sexaholic, do I have to decline?" House enlists Wilson's help to determine whether he should take Benjamin's money. "Don't answer yet. Saying no would cause both of us pain. Saying yes would cause both of us pleasure," Wilson sums up: "You can't take sex from a sexaholic. You can't give booze to an alcoholic. And you can't take this guy's money."
But maybe House is wrong about charity being a symptom? "Taking money from a sick person is ethically suspect at best," Wilson advises. "What is this, Canada?" House asks. "All we do is take money from sick people." Wilson says the difference is they work for it, and it doesn't sound like House is working all that hard. Before they can continue, Wilson is paged. "I've got a patient with end-stage kidney disease. Her heart can't support dialysis. She needs a transplant, but..." It's clear that House isn't listening anymore.

"It's all moot," House says. "Patient probably has long QT. Probably just a really, really decent person. They exist, right?"

"Is long QT bad?" Benjamin asks Park, as she performs the EKG. It can be tough to control, she tells him. "Is there someone you'd like me to call?" There is someone. "She's the same person who won't take my calls. My wife. When I started giving away money, I hoped she'd want to do it with me. She didn't. I miss them. We have two little boys." Park frowns. "Having a family doesn't exempt me from social responsibility," he says.

"But family comes first," she says. "Why should it?" he asks. "I know that sounds weird. But if someone is related to you, does that empirically make them more special, more deserving than anyone else?" She says that it gives you a responsibility.

"My boys have a roof over their heads; they're not starving," Benjamin says. "I pay court-ordered child support, and, frankly, it's more than they need. I love them more than anything. I just can't justify buying video games and private schools when other people's children are starving. I hope one day they'll understand that."

Suddenly, his hands start to tremble and he starts to shake. "What's happening?" he asks. "I'm not sure, but it's not what we thought it was," Park says.

"So, arrhythmia, fainting, muscle tremors." House is trying a differential diagnosis in the cafeteria with Adams. "Plus, unfortunately, mental changes." Park sits down and practically shoves a cup of coffee at Adams, who still doesn't think Benjamin has a neurological condition.

"He lost his wife and kids because he couldn't stop giving money away," Park says. "He lost his wife because she couldn't handle not being filthy rich," Adams counters. House notes that Adams isn't drinking the coffee Park gave her. "Drink it, don't drink. The point is: I gave it to you, so we're even."

"Even? It was a gift. An insignificant token. There was nothing owed. That was the whole point."

Park doesn't understand why she would do that. House is curious, too. But Adams isn't buying it. "She's the crazy one," she says of Park. "So, a guy gives everything away to strangers: sane. Girl who doesn't want anything from strangers: crazy," Park says. "You're not a stranger," Adams says. "And your perverse view of the world is making you force a neurological component onto an obviously cardiological...."

House interrupts with his interpretation of Adams' generosity: "Your parents didn't love you enough, so you have to prove your superiority. Or they loved you too much, and you need to prove your humility. Or it's just rich guilt. I'm betting on the last one."

Adams would prefer to get back to the case, and points out a list of drugs that could have caused Benjamin's symptoms. "I doubt the guy would spend money on drugs when there are orphans out there without cable," House says. Plus, he'd be getting better now, not worse. Park suggests polyarteritis nodosa, except there's no rash. Echovirus? It fits his symptoms and could cause personality changes. House orders antivirals for Benjamin. "And Adams, when you treat, and he gets better and doesn't give Bob Cratchit the day off, you owe me a coffee."

"Click the third tab from the left and find the box that says Previous Entries. You get a drop-down menu, sorted by patient name and department." It's late at night, and Thirteen is helping House, via phone, navigate the hospital's computer system, while she lounges on a couch in her apartment with her girlfriend. "I thought about what you said, and I realized you were right," she says. But that doesn't mean she'll be showing up for work, either. "I'm not sure what you were trying to achieve. I'm never quite sure. But you were actually a friend to me when I needed it. I don't want to come back to work for you, but I was wrong to try to push you out of my life."

House is more concerned that suddenly his screen turned blue. Thirteen sighs. "Stay there. I'm coming." House tells her not to worry... though if she did swing by, maybe she could pick up some Chinese food. "That's six miles out of my way!" she says. "Oh, OK then. I guess I'll get something from the hospital cafeteria, which is where I get all my meals, since I can't go anywhere," House says. Thirteen sighs again. "Fine. I'll get the food."
"Can you do me a favor?" Adams finds Park in the doctors' locker room and hands her a shoe box. "You want me to return these? Give them to someone? Wear them while you masturbate?" Park asks. Adams laughs. "I want you to have them." Park says that isn't really a favor. "It was a 2-for-1 sale. I couldn't resist. I need to justify buying them." Adams tells her. "They're $120 dollars," Park says. "My car's in the shop, I'm short on cash this month. I can't pay you back." She tries to hand them back, but Adams says that the first pair were $120 - these are free. "You do know I punched the last person that pissed me off?" Park says. Adams looks a little bewildered. "Was it Santa?"

"What's your patient status?" Suddenly Wilson is interested in Benjamin. He's better, and they're discharging him. "Good." Wilson says. But why does Wilson care? "Your guy just signed up to donate a kidney to a patient with renal failure." Benjamin heard the nurses talking about Wilson's patient. House thinks that means he was wrong, and that Benjamin's mental health is declining. "Don't say that. House, she really needs this kidney." Maybe he's just doing an amazing thing for another human being. "I thought it was an ethical no-brainer that we can't take stuff from sick people," House reminds him. "I changed my mind," Wilson says.

"He's still sick," House claims. "The symptoms have gone away," Wilson argues. They're both making their cases to Foreman while walking to Benjamin's room. House maintains offering an organ to a stranger is a symptom. People do that every year, Wilson says. "How many of them are also in the business of pauperizing themselves?" House asks. "If the guy threw himself on a grenade, he'd be a hero. If it saves a life, who cares?" Wilson says.

"If there's even a chance I'm right, it'd be dangerous to give his kidney to someone else." But would it be more dangerous than complete renal failure? "Why do you want to give away your kidney?" Foreman asks Benjamin. "There's 70,000 people on the active waiting list for a kidney, and less than 10,000 dead people a year to give them one," he answers. And he assures House he'll get his money. Foreman tells Benjamin that being a live donor has risks.

"I looked it up," Benjamin says. "The risk is 1 in 4,000 that I could die during surgery. Which means if I don't donate, I'm valuing my life at 4,000 times someone else's." He's got two kidneys and this woman will die without one.

"Perfectly logical," Wilson says. And Foreman says if the kidney donation is House's only evidence that Benjamin is sick, he's going to let him donate.

"Dr. House, it's not a symptom," Benjamin says. "Come back after you're convinced I'm not sick, and I will give you your money." "No, you won't," House says.

"We have time for one more test before we lose him," House tells Park as they walk toward his office. They'll need to prove he does have an echovirus and that he's not cured yet. Park brings up Whipple's again. "Bad idea. There's no joint pain," House says. And where is Adams? "She thought the case was over. She has a job interview," Park says.

When they get to House's office, Park is confused to see Thirteen. "I'm here because I have time, and you have a crisis," Thirteen says. House thinks Benjamin might not be eating properly with his new budget lifestyle. "Magnesium deficiency?" Park says. House orders an expanded electrolyte profile. "No, he hasn't had anxiety or any trouble sleeping," Thirteen says. "I think it's Whipple's Disease."

Park mentions there's no joint pain. "Joint pain is common, but not definitive," Thirteen tells her. "Whipple's explains all of his symptoms, including the personality change, and it would respond to antibiotics, which is why he started to feel better. Which doesn't mean he's not still sick." "You were right," House tells Park. "Counts for nothing if you can't defend it." He orders an upper endoscopy and a PCR test for Whipple's. And House thinks that he knows the real reason Thirteen is back: guilt. "Yes," she says, sarcastically. "I think that little of you and that much of me. You're nothing without me."

House thinks she's leaving everything behind to go have fun with her girlfriend and she feels guilty. "You're trying to make me feel guilty because you're saving lives here, and I think that's great. I'm proud to have been a part of it, but now I just want to be happy," she tells him. "It just appeared in the last few weeks," A mother is telling House about the rash on her young teenage son's hands in the clinic. "He's having trouble holding a pencil in school." House examines the boy's hands. "Did you get anything different lately? A new baseball glove? A new..."
kitten?” Nope. Mom mentions that their neighbors got a new pool, and he’s been spending a lot of time there. “But if it were something in the water, it would be everywhere, wouldn’t it?” she asks.

House sizes the boy up. “It is in the water,” he says. Does that mean he’s allergic to chlorine? House takes a deep breath. “He’s allergic to summer lilac.” She’s confused. “That’s my lotion. And it’s not in the pool.” “No,” House says. “it’s on the palms of his hands. In the pool is the neighbor’s daughter. Or the neighbor’s hot wife.” Mom looks mortified as House turns to grab something from a drawer. “Here’s some lube. Sorry, too late for your eyesight,” House tells the glasses-wearing boy.

"Endoscopy didn’t reveal any legions in the small intestine.” Park is testing samples in the lab. House hands her a small gift box. “Found it in my office. Appears to be a gift. Can’t be good.”

"Damn it," Park says. She got Adams the job interview. “And that was supposed to be the end of it. I don’t take charity.” “Good for you, you loon,” House says. She doesn’t like owing people things. “So, either you’re so insecure, that you feel like you need to always have the upper hand, or you’re so arrogant, that the notion of a favor is insulting to you. Or it’s your family. Some kind of immigrant pride thing. I’m betting on the last one.”

“I just don’t like it,” she says. “It makes me feel icky.” House can’t believe she’s never tried to analyze it. “That’s even crazier than the gift thing!” Parks has found something on a slide: “There no sign of Tropheryma DNA. It’s not Whipple’s.” “We did all we could,” House says.

"You sure you want to do this?” Benjamin is on the operating table, about to go under, and Wilson gives him one last chance to back out of the kidney transplant. Benjamin laughs. "Relax, this is going to make me very happy.” Suddenly his heart starts racing and his blood pressure drops. "Patient’s unstable, surgery’s off." Dr. Simpson says.

"Arrhythmia’s back. He’s on heparin and stable for now, but this could put him at risk for stroke or embolism.” Adams and Park present Benjamin’s stats to House in his office. They’re still struggling for an answer. Spider bite? There’d be localized pain. LCDD? The kidneys would have been affected. Foreman walks in.

"Ah, Dr. Foreman,” House says. "Perhaps you can help us. I can’t decide whether to take out an ‘I Told You So’ ad in the New England Journal or stay classy and just spray paint it on your car.”

"You’re off the case,” Foreman tells him. "You dosed him. Couldn’t stand to lose him as a patient so you faked a symptom to prove you were right.” House denies it, but Foreman’s worked for him too long not to be suspicious. “I know how you operate. So when I see symptoms magically show up right when you need them...”

"Why would I do this now,” House interrupts, "knowing that you could send me right back to jail?” Foreman is convinced, even though he can’t prove it. House won’t have any more access to Benjamin. "You can’t let him do this!” Adams says, after Foreman leaves. House sighs. “He’s the boss... and he’s right.”

"I assume you dosed the patient because you’re really certain he has a neurological condition.” Adams and House are talking in the hallway. House knows that she’s interpreting his actions in the best possible light because she didn’t get the job she interviewed for. And he wants to know what’s going on between her and Park. “Either you’re getting her gifts because you want her to like you, in which case I don’t like you. Or you’re getting her gifts to screw with her, in which case I will be teaching you my secret homie handshake.”

"I just thought it was interesting she wouldn’t accept that coffee,” Adams says. "I wanted to see how deep it went.” But now she just wants to win. There was a gift certificate in the box, to a spa.

“That’s not going to do it,” House says. "You’re up against a lifetime of training. If you want to win, you’ve got to do something she can’t possibly reciprocate. You’ve got to push her neuroses to the point where even she thinks she’s crazy.” Suddenly, House has an idea.

"Can I help you?” Thirteen confronts a worried-looking woman watching Benjamin from outside his room. It’s his wife. "We’re separated. I heard he was sick. I just wanted to see him.” Thirteen says that he’s talked about her, and it would mean a lot for him to see her. "I wanted to spend my life with him. But I need to feel like he loves me more than other people. Like he loves our kids more. Maybe that’s selfish.” She starts to cry. "I should go.”

Thirteen enters Benjamin’s room, pretending not to know who he is. "Are you the guy? The kidney donor?” she asks. Benjamin smiles, but he says there was a problem, and that he’ll try
again. "To give it to the same lady?" Thirteen asks. Benjamin says she needs it. "OK. Never mind," Thirteen tells him and turns to leave.

Benjamin stops her to ask what she wants. "It’s nothing. It’s just, I have polycystic kidney disease, and I need a transplant. And they say I don’t have much time. So I heard that you were willing. But I’m glad it’s going to someone." Benjamin grabs her arm: "I’ll give it to you." But didn’t he already promise it to someone else? He smiles.

"I have another one," he says. "Saving one life is good. Saving two is better." He tells her he could live on dialysis for years. "And then I could donate my other organs. Heart, lungs. I could save four or five more lives." Thirteen extricates herself and walks away. She calls House: "Foreman’s going to need a diagnostician. This guy is crazy."

"Arrhythmia, muscle tremors, and, yes, mental changes. If his heart doesn’t rupture, he’s liable to rip it out and give it away." Adams is forced to admit that there might be a neurological component to Benjamin’s illness during a DDx in House’s office. Thirteen suggests Graves’ disease or another thyroid problem. "Is she on the team now? Like, forever?" Park asks. And she says Benjamin’s thyroid levels were within normal range when he was admitted. Coxsackie B virus? No pericarditis.

"What about porphyria?" Thirteen asks. "It’s a little weird without the rash, but it fits all the other symptoms." If it’s acute intermittent porphyria, that would explain why his symptoms keep occurring. House thinks that it’s unlikely, but possible. "What else?" No response from the trio. "I said what else? Well, if there’s nothing better than possible, then possible gets upgraded to probable." Adams says she’ll start Benjamin on heamatin, but Thirteen volunteers instead.

"So what’s the answer?" House follows Thirteen on the way to Benjamin’s room. "Are you now on the team? Like, forever?" But she doesn’t know. "What am I supposed to do? I trained to be a doctor. I know how to take someone’s pain away, how to make a stopped heart beat again. We’ve brought people’s kids back, their husbands."

He was right: she’s feeling guilty about leaving. "I have the skills to help people. Is it OK for me to walk away from that because I want to just have fun?" "Obviously not," House answers. "How’s your patient?" It’s later in the evening, and House stops by Wilson’s office. "She died a few hours ago," Wilson says. House tells him Thirteen’s back. "No department, no money, and somehow you managed to con her into hanging around?" "I have a gift," House tells him. That gets him to thinking.

"It was a con," he says. "The patient was faking?" Wilson asks. "No, I was," House says. "I brought him in here under false pretenses. I was looking at his money. I ordered a bunch of random tests to keep him here. One of the them was a head CT, which uses iodine contrast. Thirteen was right: this is a thyroid issue. He has Plummer’s disease. He has a nodule in his thyroid that produces excess hormone. Not enough to test abnormal, just more than his brain is used to. Just enough to make him irrationally generous. Make him vulnerable to overheating."

"Then you pumped his body full of iodine and kicked him into thyrotoxicosis," Wilson says. All they need to do is take out the nodule, and he’ll be fine.

"Two days, one surgery. I now accept that you are all better." House is by Benjamin’s bedside when he wakes. "Where’s my money?"

"You made me sick." Benjamin says. "You were already sick - I just made you much, much worse," House tells him. "Seriously, the money."

Benjamin just looks at him. "You’re not giving it to me, are you?" "When you’re facing death, some things come into focus," Benjamin says.

"You love your family, you want them back," House says. "Your altruism was always a symptom."

"No, it wasn’t. I’m still going to..." "What?" House interrupts. "Give less? How much less? Just enough to spoil your kids? They need it more than people with TB or children in Indonesia with no eyes? Diagnosticians with hearts of gold?"

"I don’t want to give you money because you’re an ass," Benjamin says. But House was an ass last week. "I love my family. I want to be with them. That doesn’t make me a bad person."

"No," House says. "It makes you a healthy person."

"My mechanic called. Said the work’s been paid for." Park finds Adams in the doctor’s locker room. "You mentioned your car was in the shop," Adams says. "That’s $4,500 dollars," Park tells her, annoyed. "Smile, and say thank you, or I get you GPS," Adams says. Park sighs. "You win." She forces a smile that’s more like a grimace. "Thank you."
"Your car’s getting fixed," Park tells House in his office. "You were right – she went for it."
"Good work," House tells her. "I’m just glad it’s over," Park says. "Nothing is ever over," House
tells her.

House watches as Thirteen embraces her girlfriend in the lobby and gets ready to leave for the
night. "Thirteen!" he calls. "Need a minute." When she comes over, House tells her she’s fired.
"Don’t come in tomorrow. I can work with people who’ve got nowhere else to go, people who’ve
got something to prove, people who just get off on weird cases. What I can’t work with is someone
who’s here so she doesn’t have to feel bad."

"You’re trying to save me," Thirteen says, tearing up. "Yes, I think that little of you, and that
much of me," House says sarcastically. "OK," she says, trying to smile and pull herself together.
"Bye, House."
Risky Business

Season 8
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Writer: Seth Hoffman
Director: Sanford Bookstaver
Show Stars: Hugh Laurie (Dr. Gregory House), Omar Epps (Dr. Eric Foreman), Robert Sean Leonard (Dr. James Wilson), Odette Yustman (Dr. Jessica Adams), Charlyne Yi (Dr. Chi Park)
Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Michael Nouri (Thad Barton), Alexie Gilmore (Ainsley Barton), Ben Lemon (Dr. Andrews), Jade Carter (Dr. Morgan), Jun Hee Lee (Simon)
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Summary: House attempts to negotiate with a wealthy patient who is planning to relocate his labor force to China. Meanwhile, Foreman chairs Park’s disciplinary hearing, while Adams assesses her own ethics when she learns of their patient’s relocation plans.

Thad Barton steps happily out of his opulent white Colonial, down porch stairs dotted with fall leaves, then toward a front yard full of toilet-papered trees and yard signs featuring such messages as “Protect U.S. Jobs!” and “Benedict Barton.” There’s even an effigy of Barton hanging by a noose from a branch, which he’s attempting to free as his daughter, Ainsley, drives up and surveys the damage.

“Are you at least going to call the cops this time?” she asks, sighing. “No, then they might stop,” Thad says, amused, as he pulls down the crude, scarecrow-like figure, which has hand-drawn dollar signs for eyes. “Just when they’re beginning to capture my eyes,” he jokes. “Come on, Dad. Let Rodrigo do this. Your arthritis...” “I can pick up my own lawn,” he tells her.

Ainsley reminds him that he can end the harassment. "Oh, of course, there are other ways to save the company," he says. "I’m only moving it to China because I’m craving egg foo yung."

“I just got off the phone with some investors,” Ainsley tells him. But Thad knows they’d want a controlling interest in the company. “We get to stay here,” Ainsley pleads. “With the people who’ve been so loyal to this company. Everyone keeps their jobs.” "It’s been a family business for 120 years," Thad argues. "There’s no way that I’m letting..."

But suddenly he stops, squinting and looking disoriented. "Dad, what’s wrong?" Ainsley asks. He stares at his hand right in front of his face, but his depth perception is so distorted his hand looks tiny and yards away, while Ainsley appears even further back. "I need you to drive me to a doctor," Thad says, calmly.

"Patient’s visited China a lot lately. What about the JBE Virus?" Park is going over Thad’s case with House as he reads his emails: "OMFG! 50 percent off cupcakes. How sick is the patient? Because this expires today."

Park says that Thad has central serous retinopathy, which is linked to Type A personalities, as she shuts House’s laptop screen to try to get his attention. "Fundoscopic exam was normal."
If you don’t let me read my emails, then I won’t be able to read the email to the entire staff from your ex-boss,” House tells her.

She opens his laptop back up. In the email, Park’s former boss apologizes for any stress caused by his recent “incident” involving a hospital employee, and says that he’s completed voluntary sexual harassment training. “You are so fired.” House says. Park can’t believe it - he apologized for grabbing her behind! So how could she be fired?

“He’s saying he’s sorry that someone - namely, you, overreacted, namely by punching him.” House is convinced the doctor will spin it in his favor, and that this email was just an attempt to make himself appear sympathetic.

“$100 bucks says I won’t get fired,” Park bets him. House looks her over. "Oh, you don’t want to bet me,” he says. She sticks out her hand to seal the bet. He takes it and says, "You’re fired.” Park tries to talk her way out of her loss. "The bet’s that I'll get fired AFTER my hearing!" "I could take that action, too," he tells her. "But you’re already a C note in the hole.”

“You’re late,” House tells Adams, as she walks in his office in a formal black business suit. "Considering I don’t work here, arguably I’m early," she says, letting him know she was on a job interview. "I hope it went terribly," he says. Adams reviews Thad’s case file: "We only help rich white guys?"

"I am an equal opportunity exploiter. I only help those who can help myself," House says. He explains that he’s trying to re-fund his department, over the sound of a cast being sawed off in what used to be his outer office, but is now occupied by Orthopedics.

Adams suggests atropine poisoning as the cause of Thad's symptoms. "He’s moving his company to China, and his employees are hanging him in effigy. They couldn't moved on to the real thing." But his pupils were normal. "Thyrotoxicosis,” Park says. House declares that’s "not a terrible idea" and sets off to administer the PTU as well as some TLC.

"Things don’t seem small anymore. I woke up from a nap and everything went really small to really huge,” Thad explains to House, who's brought in the PTU pills. "Well, then these giant balls of medicine are not going to work anymore.”

He says Thad actually has a simpler problem. "Your occipital lobe is acting up, giving you a migraine.” Even though he doesn’t have a headache? "Not all migraines present that way," House tells him. "It’s called Alice in Wonderland Syndrome. The good news is it’s treatable with medication. The bad news is it can make you very, very late for very important dates.”

Thad thanks House, which presents him with the perfect opportunity to beg for money. "If you really want to thank me, my department’s not really a department, because my boss says he doesn’t have the money, which provides a nice contrast with you.” Ainsley pointedly tells him that they're trying to use any money they can get their hands on just so they don't have to move the company overseas.

"I get it,” House says. "Answer’s no. Shouldn’t have said anything. I’m just glad that the symptoms showed up before you left for China, because I’m not sure the doctors over there would be so optimistic, considering how they look down on mental illness.” Except he says the last bit in Mandarin to Thad, who understands him perfectly.

Ainsley has no idea what they’re saying, as House continues to tell Thad that mental illness is such a taboo in China that it could potentially "destroy a high-profile business deal. I’d never breach confidentiality, but I could have you checked into a facility that exclusively treats mental disorder.” Ainsley just wants whatever can help her dad, but Thad knows House is blackmailing him. "How much do you want?” he asks House in Mandarin.

"You’re hired!” House tells Park and Adams in the cafeteria. "You guys are going to love doctors Chase and Taub. Keep your Nazi sentiments quiet around the little one.” Park asks how he got the money. "Patient’s a smart businessman," House tells her. Adams says he’s destroying thousands of jobs. "Jobs are not being destroyed. They're being relocated. The fact that you see that as inherently bad means you’re an irrational patriot. To put it another way: a patriot.”

Even Park sees patriotism as natural. "It’s helpful for society if its members have positive feelings about that society.” "Patriotism is nothing but loyalty to real estate,” House says. "Real estate that's been conquered 800 times by 800 different regimes with 800 different cultures. But each time, it's just the best!”

"Hey, how's my dad doing?” Ainsley asks Adams, outside Thad’s room. Adams says his vision’s improved and he could be released by morning. Ainsley’s checking her smart phone as she
listens. "Any chance I could have him before 9? Our stock dropped a couple of points today with
the news that he’s sick. I would love for him to get out of here before the market opens."

Adams stiffens. "No offense, but I think it’s terrible your dad is closing down all your American
operations." Ainsley explains that it’s not greed that’s motivating Thad, but grief. "My mom, she
died four months ago. Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. It’s been hard for him. Living in the same house,
driving on the same streets. He’s constantly reminded of her." Suddenly alarms are sounding in
Thad’s room. He’s sitting up in his bed, coughing up blood.

"Angiography showed a hemorrhagic site in the left lower lobe." Adams, Park, and House are
reviewing the case in Dr. Foreman’s office, specifically in the spot that used to house Cuddy’s
desk, but is now a small sitting area. Park thinks maybe it’s hyperviscosity syndrome. "Are
you sure Foreman’s OK with us being in his office?" she asks. House says he’ll never know, and
chides Park for sending out a hospital-wide “non-apology apology” email that was basically a copy
of what her former boss sent out. "If it made Andrews look sympathetic..." Park starts. "Copying
him makes you look pathetic. And I will pay you not to go to anger management classes."

She tries to steer them back to the case, suggesting a clotting problem: factor V Leiden defi-
ciency. House thinks that it’s a possibility, and tells Park her inner rage is “a gift from not-God.”
Whereas, Adams is the one who needs to deal with her anger, after her encounter with Ainsley.
"Their company is making a decision I strongly disagree with," Adams says. "Yet you were never
anything but courteous to the racists and rapists in prison. Those guys made decisions you
supported?" House challenges her. "Myelodysplastic syndrome," Adams says, ignoring House’s
question. "So your theory is that the guy’s blood is not clotting fast enough, which is the complete
opposite of your colleague’s theory. Even your ideas are hostile. I’m guessing it has something to
do with the funeral you attended yesterday morning."

She repeats that she was at a job interview. But House has done the math: "You got to work at
9:15. The closest hospital with an opening in your specialty is 45 minutes away. It’s not possible.
My condolences." But she refuses to admit she was at a funeral. "That just leaves... everywhere
but a job interview," House says.

He won’t be able to further interrogate her because Foreman arrives and orders them all
to leave. "Well, we would," House says. "But Orthopedics is still squatting in two-thirds of
my office, which is weird, because you got a large check last night." House points to the check on
Foreman’s desk. "From a corporation that’s going through a very public belt-tightening," Foreman
says. "Which means this donation was given under duress. Patient didn’t tell me the whole story,
but he did say he’d be thrilled if we didn’t cash this." And he rips up the check.

As they leave Foreman’s office, House grabs his rear end. "What are you doing?" Foreman
trying to help you out here," he says. "Figured for sure he’d punch me in the face, thus proving
that it’s a natural response. My God you have superhuman discipline," he says to Foreman. "And
glutes."

After they leave, he tells Park and Adams that he has a way to determine which of them is
right about the diagnosis: treat Thad with activated protein C. They’re both confused. "If he has
myelodysplastic syndrome, he’ll bleed out," Adams says. "And if he has factor V Leiden deficiency,
he’ll throw another clot," adds Park. "Exactly, it’s a conclusive test," House says. "And there’s no
actual risk. As long as you’re both paying attention, and you’re both good enough to work here."

"I hear one of you thinks I’m a real bastard," Thad says to Park and Adams, as they prep the
treatment. Adams owns up to it. "Your boss uses blackmail and you question my professional
ethics?" Thad asks. She asks if he’ll be instituting worker safety regulations in the new factories.
He assures her he will. "What about juice boxes in the break room for the children you’ll be
hiring?" Thad says charges of child exploitation by American companies overseas are overblown.
Park says she has a 10-year-old cousin in the Philippines who works in an American factory,
and it’s the best thing for him. "It’s sucks, but the Filipino factories suck worse. And the schools
would suck if they existed. So, this is the family’s best hope." Meanwhile, Thad seems to be
scratching a lot.

"Itching. Interesting," House says when Adams and Park return to his office, as he blasts a
mini-strobe light at one of the orthopedic doctors next door until the doctor becomes nauseated.
But Thad’s itching has already gone away. "Doubly interesting," House says. "Means we have
to explain the arrival and the departure." Adams remembers that Thad’s wife died from non-
Hodgkins lymphoma, but wonders if she could have been misdiagnosed. "Her lymphoma could
have been a virus, HTLV-I, which our patient contracted through having sex with his wife.” “In other words, loyalty gave him cancer. I like it. Start him on radiation,” House says.

“Chang and Eng Bunker.” A young Asian man with a black eye is explaining that the mannequin attached to him is part of his Halloween costume, while House is stitching up his lacerations in the clinic. “The most famous conjoined twins in history: 2011 is the bicentennial of their birth.”

House has called Park in. “I think I’ve got palliative. Why don’t you take preventative?” he asks. “Prevent what? He got in a fight,” she says. “A fight that he started, House points out. “Which means he’s both irascible and stupid.” “I told the drunk, racist frat guy the proper term is conjoined twin, not Siamese,” the man says. But Chang and Eng actually were Siamese, and they were twins. “I thought maybe some of the tripe you learned in anger management class may keep this guy out of here next time,” House tells Park. She gives it a shot: “Sometimes, it’s incredibly satisfying to wind up and punch somebody who really deserves it, but when you think of all the consequences...”

House doesn’t need to hear anymore. He’s got what he needed, on a little recorder. “Sometimes, it’s incredibly satisfying to wind up and punch someone who deserves it.” I wonder what the committee’s going to make of that?”

“This is a waste of time. There’s no way that Robin gave me an STD,” Thad says, from within the radiation room. From the control booth, Adams says that she knows this is hard for him. “You sound like my daughter,” he says. “I miss my wife, but it’s not driving my decision-making.” But Adams thinks it’s too coincidental that he decided to move the company right after she died. “My wife is the only thing that keeps me here. I visit her grave once a week,” he says. “So your daughter was wrong. You just really need a lot of money,” Adams says. “You ever hear of Kong-Gumi?” Thad asks. “Construction company in Japan founded in the year 578, family-owned and operated. Building Buddhist temples for 50 generations. Went bankrupt 5 years ago. You have any idea how that last CEO must have felt?” Suddenly his heart starts racing and his chest tightens. Adams runs in. “I figured it was from the radiation,” he says. “I think you’re having a heart attack,” Adams tells him.

“Dr. Wilson? I need your advice.” Park wants an expert’s opinion on House. “I bet House $100 dollars that I wouldn’t get fired after my disciplinary hearing. Ever since then, he’s been acting like he’s actually trying to get me fired.” “That’s because he is actually trying to get you fired,” Wilson tells her. “Does he hate me?” she asks. “Not sure that’s relevant to the equation,” he says. Nor is the amount of the bet. “He’s fighting for his honor.” She wonders if she could call him off by betting $200 dollars that she will get fired. “He sees competing bets with the same person as a disgrace to the game,” Wilson says. “He’ll be even more motivated to beat you.” So what can she do? “You have to give him something he values more than honor. And you should update your resume.”

“EKG and troponins were equivocal. It’s not even clear if our patient just had a heart attack or what it was,” Adams tells House. “Let’s look at segmental wall motion abnormalities. Get him an echo to confirm.” House says. “And I need $200,000 dollars. His company’s lost one-third of its value since he was admitted.” “And you want to do some insider trading?” Adams asks. “I take it felonies aren’t a violation of your parole.” House doesn’t think that it’s insider trading at all. “I’m just betting on myself to solve the case. Once we cure him, share price goes up, I pay you back.”

She won’t give him $200,000, but she will give him $5,000 - if he doubles his clinic hours. She’s seen how he treats the patients there, and she thinks if he spends more time with them, he’ll treat them more humanely. “Here’s what I’m thinking: you went to a parole hearing where one of your old patients was denied. Hence the attire, hence the tardiness, and most important, hence the anger. You think you can restore the cosmic balance by doing extra good here. More annoyingly, by having me do it. Deal.”

House walks into his office, only to see literally everything on and near his desk wrapped in plaster cast. He strolls over to the orthopedic doctor. “Of course you know, this means war,” House says. “Oh, I know,” the doctor tells him. “You’ll escalate, and I’ll retaliate, and the cycle will continue until we’ve both gone too far, at which point I’ll maybe get suspended. You’ll go back to prison. Happy pranking,” he says, smiling.

“Patient had V-tach in echo lab, so we cathed him, but coronary arteries were clean.” It’s late in the evening, and Adams and Park are in House’s office. “If the plumbing’s fine, check the electrical. EP study,” Park suggests. “Nice idea,” House says. “Even has a metaphor in it. Not
worth more than my honor, but delightful all the same."

Park declares she is not going to lose: "My college roommate is the editor of the Yale Law Review. She's writing my opening statement." "Well, then you will be eloquent in your loss," he says. "This case boils down to he said/she said. He said, 'I've been working at this hospital for 15 years, and I'm taking self-improvement classes.' She said, 'I've been a fellow for 2 months, and I'm kind of weird.'" "No, he said, 'I'm a drunk idiot who thinks I can grab girls' behinds without ramifications,'" Park says.

He was drunk? In the hospital? "I already told Foreman he'd been drinking that night," she says. "Andrews was taking sexual harassment classes, not AA," House says. "That means he didn't get in trouble for drinking. Which means that Foreman signed off on it. Which means that he set all the wheels in motion." He looks at Park. "Forget that. Wild speculation."

"You already knew Andrews was drinking that night, didn't you?" Park confronts Foreman. He admits that he did. She wants him to cancel the hearing. "I hope this isn't going where I assume it's going," he says. "You're the one who brought Andrews in. You set the wheels in motion," Park says. "We had a patient who was going to die without an AVM embolization. Andrews was the only neurologist I could reach. He told me he had a few glasses of wine, and that he shouldn't do it, but he also said you were good. You were ready to do one as long as you were supervised. So we agreed that he would come in, but wouldn't touch the patient."

"I can understand the rationalization," Park says. "We'll see if the board agrees when I tell them the whole story at my hearing." Foreman sighs. "I already did. I had a closed-session hearing last week. Board decided to dock me two-weeks' pay. You've been working for House for two weeks, and it's already too long."

"No sign of any electrical abnormalities in the right atrium." Adams is performing the EP study on Thad when Park returns from Foreman's office. "I'm so dead," Park says. "We'll see if the board agrees when I tell them the whole story at my hearing." Foreman sighs. "I already did. I had a closed-session hearing last week. Board decided to dock me two-weeks' pay. You've been working for House for two weeks, and it's already too long."

"Let's release him. My option to sell Barton Foods at $34 dollars is about to expire." House tells Adams and Park. "Because I thought the patient would be better by now. Instead, I am going to lose $200,000 dollars." $20,000? "Your 5," he says to Adams, as the three of them walk down the hall. "Plus the 5 I stole from Wilson. Plus the 10 I got on margin. You're going to have to talk to my bankruptcy attorney. Unless... there is a way that you can get your money back. Give me the full $200,000 dollars." "And, extrapolating," Adams figures, "tomorrow you'll owe just shy of a $1,000,000 dollars." House tells her it's her fault. "You forced me to go with the options. Your damn anger issues are screwing with my finances."

She insists that she's not angry. "You refuse to bet on yourself," House says. "That means low self-esteem. Low self-esteem can be brought on by exposure to one's relatives. Nice clothes and anger - classic symptoms of a family gathering. You were late the other day because you were having breakfast with Granny Adams or Cousin It, and she was nagging you about finding a husband." Now Adams is starting to get annoyed. "I'll just tell you what I was -," but House cuts her off. "No spoilers. They ruin everything."

"Our patient's lung problem is not a lung problem. It's a brain problem. We're consulting with neurology."

House stops in front of the office door of Dr. Andrews, the doctor who groped Park. She doesn't believe House really thinks the problem is neurological. "I don't know what it is. Maybe I should just accept the patient's death if getting help can lead to awkwardness," he says.

"Dr. Andrews," House announces himself. "My associates: Drs. Adams and Park." Andrews is startled but regains his composure. "Nice to meet you, Dr. Adams. Hello, Dr. Park." "You two know each other? It's a small world," House says. "Dr. Park, maybe you'd like to update our esteemed colleague on the condition of our patient." Park awkwardly relates the symptoms: micropsia, bleeding, tachycardia, and difficulty breathing. House leans over to Andrews: "Cute butt, huh?"

Andrews says it sounds like there could be spinal cord involvement. "Have you considered normal pressure hydrocephalus?" House seems like he might go for it unless there's any disagreement.

"It's not his spinal cord," Park says. "It's the wire between his heart and his brain. Autonomic dysregulation syndrome. We do a tilt table test, see how his heart rate responds. That'll confirm."

"Well, if he has normal pressure hydrocephalus, a tilt table test could put him in a coma,"
Andrews says, "Then it’s a good thing he has ADS," she replies. She’s convinced, but House isn’t. He agrees with Andrews, and orders a spinal fluid test to confirm.

"We’re doing the tilt table," Park tells Adams after they leave Andrews’ office. She thinks the bet must be a test to see if she can handle working with House. "I need to prove I have the confidence to disobey him." Adams agrees to perform the test, while Park prepares for her hearing.


Foreman knows that House took it, but he's got to get to Park's hearing. "You're covering for him," he says. "I did the same thing many times. My advice to you: figure out what line you aren't willing to cross for him. Because eventually, he'll ask you to cross it." Foreman leaves, and Adams returns to her patient. "How are your feet?" she asks. But he's not responsive. She races in to check his pulse. "Oh, no."

"We have convened the disciplinary committee to decide the appropriate action that should be taken against Dr. Chi Park as a result of her actions on October 7th of this year." Foreman is presiding over the panel who will determine Park's fate. He asks if Park has an opening statement. "Dr. Foreman, members of the committee, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak to you today..." Suddenly, House bursts in the room, with Adams right behind. "Good news, you can cancel the hearing, because I'm firing her myself," he says, angrily. Thad is in a coma.

Adams protests that she's the one who actually did the test. But Park says it was her idea. "Seriously, House?" Foreman says, as guards are taking House away. "At least I'm smart enough to know what I don't know. She went out of her way to defy me," House continues as he's being dragged away. "My apologies," Foreman says. "Please continue."

"I can't believe you did that!" Adams tells House. "Right back at you," he says. "My patient's dying. We need theories." She thinks Andrews must have been right about normal pressure hydrocephalus, since he predicted the coma, but House thinks it was just a lucky guess. "If you didn't think he was right, then why did you want us to collect his spinal fluid?" Adams asks. "I didn't. I wanted you to do a tilt table test," House says. "You have a wonderful way of communicating," she tells him. "I knew Park wanted to do a tilt table. If she listens to me, I waste an hour. If she defies me, then I get the test I want, and my $100 bucks." Now, Adams is angry. "You're an ass!"

She wants to run the test for normal pressure hydrocephalus. "No. What else would explain our symptoms and make our patient go into a coma during that test? What about hepatic encephalopathy?" Adams says that they already tested his liver enzymes and they were normal. "Or his liver is so far gone it can’t even produce enzymes," House says. He wants a biopsy to confirm.

"So, you do realize that it is unacceptable to hit someone in the workplace?" Foreman is grilling Park. "Yes, completely unacceptable," she says. "I wasn't thinking. I guess, I mean, technically I was thinking. I just... it happened to fast. I, I, it's like it wasn't even me. I would never do something like that. Even though I did. I'm sorry I'm not making any sense right now. I, um, I don't know. I just really love being a doctor so much and I barely even have $100 dollars, and... please don't fire me?"

"Is this theory more promising than the others?" Ainsley watches as Adams performs the biopsy on her dad. They'll know in a few hours. "Tomorrow morning I'm supposed to sign a piece of paper that will move the company and cost thousands of employees their jobs," Ainsley says. "I thought you said you'd rather see the company go under in Jersey than thrive in China," Adams says. But this is what her dad wants, and it's still his company. "I'm really just keeping the seat warm. But unless he wakes up before tomorrow, it's going to be my signature on that piece of paper."

"Biopsy was clean. It's not his liver," Adams brings the results to House's office. She also ran the spinal fluid test. "You were right that Andrews was wrong." Park runs in happily, making crowd-cheering noises and raising her arms in victory. "You owe me 106,804 Yuan. Or $100 US," she proudly says to House. "God, but you're petty," House says. "So, two options: either we figure out what's wrong with this guy, or we figure out how to make this company profitable in New Jersey."
But House can hardly hear himself think over the sound of the sawing in the other room. He angrily runs in, and just as he’s about to punch the doctor, he notices a bone x-ray on the screen and has an idea. “Start the patient on plasmapheresis,” he tells Park and Adams. “He’ll wake up in an hour.”

“This diagnosis was brought to you by the letter Y,” House says to Thad as he wakes. “Turns out your blood was getting thick and syrupy, with complexes of large Y-shaped antibodies. They were clogging up your blood vessels, causing your organs to shut down one by one. Now, usually with hyperviscosity syndrome, it’s caused by elevated blood count or protein count, but yours eluded us, because it was caused by antibodies from your rheumatoid arthritis. Now that they’re being filtered out, your blood will be a little less duck sauce, a little more soy sauce.”

And his stock price will be cured, too. House hands him a press release to sign, announcing that he’s healthy and going back to work, and the company is officially moving to China. “He just woke up. Dad, you don’t have to do this right now,” Ainsley says. “Actually, he does. Because the market opens at 9 a.m.,” House tells Thad. “And this means a lot to me. You may remember me from the time I saved your life.” “If you move it, it’ll be without me,” Ainsley tells her father. “If this is really about family, you will not do this.” House hands him the pen. He hesitates, but he signs. Ainsley walks out.

The next morning, House wheels in the skin resurfacing laser. Wilson sees him and hands him a wad of cash. “I got lucky this time,” House says. “No, you didn’t,” Wilson says. “I made this bet so you’d stop actively trying to fire Park, so you’d be neutral. You went out of your way to help her. She obviously earned your respect, passed whatever test you...”

“I sabotaged her hearing,” House protests. “If you had sabotaged her hearing, she would have gotten more than a slap on the wrist. What you actually did was make her emotional and make the board members see her as a victim.” “Because the panel feels badly for incompetent doctors who nearly kill people,” House says.

“You know that everyone on that panel hates you,” Wilson argues. “You know the minute you recommend firing anyone, they start discussing how big a bonus to give them.” “That’s just hurtful,” House says. “Fact is, winning $100 dollars from you brings me more pleasure than winning $100 from her.” And he hands Wilson back the $5,000 he never knew House took.

House delivers the laser to Foreman, who’s less than grateful. “Congratulations. You’re not going to jail. Today. But you do know I can’t just let this slide.” “Fine. Clinic hours, I’ll double them,” House volunteers, knowing he’d already agreed to do that. “OK, 12 hours a week,” Foreman says. He knows about the deal with Adams.

“Call Chase and Taub. Get them in here,” House says, reaching for a check to hand to Foreman. “The boys are back.” Foreman looks at the check, which is for significantly more than what he’d told House it would take to fund the department.

“You paged me?” Adams finds House in the outer office, now officially his again. He hands her a white lab coat.

“Congratulations.” She smiles and lets him put it on her. “You caught your boyfriend cheating that morning,” he figures. “You had a big fight. That’s why you were late. You re-pitched an STD. You haven’t gone two consecutive minutes without using the word ‘loyalty,’ which explains the anger, the low self-esteem. And the desire to feel pretty, after having been rejected, explains the clothes.”

But it wasn’t her boyfriend; it was her husband. “I was at my lawyer’s office signing the divorce papers.” They’ve been separated for over a year. “So, old news? No anger left?” House asks. It looks like there just might be some residual anger. He hands her a baseball bat. “It’s all bought and paid for,” he says, looking around at all the equipment left by orthopedics. He dons a pair of safety glasses as she destroys the room, piece by piece.
"Good afternoon, Cedarville! It is my distinct honor to present our annual Community Service Award to one of our most outstanding citizens." Mayor Collins is addressing the crowd at a bustling town festival, surrounded by picnic tables, balloons, and a lively jazz band. Champion Little League coach, Harvest Scholarship Fund treasurer, and owner of the town’s only gas station, Bob Harris, a handsome man in his mid-thirties with sandy-brown tousled hair, takes the stage with his wife and two kids. "Your community activism, charity work, and character represent the finest Cedarville has to offer," Collins says to Bob, while the beautiful, young Miss Cedarville hands him his trophy. "Please accept this on behalf of all of us, and know that we love you," the Mayor concludes, while Bob lifts the award in the air, smiling.

Hours later, the trophy lies unnoticed on a dresser in a dark motel room, while Bob and Miss Cedarville laugh and roll off the bed together. But suddenly Bob has trouble breathing and collapses, only to suddenly regain consciousness. "I think you’re having a heart attack!" the young girl says, racing to get to a phone and call an ambulance. He begs her not to. "Just... drive me to the hospital."

"As the new Dean of Medicine, I like to personally welcome all of our new employees," Foreman says, sitting with hands folded at his desk. "And ask: Why the hell do you want to come back?"

It’s Chase and Taub appearing before him. House hasn’t changed, Foreman assures them. "And neither has the job, right?" Chase asks. "We still get to do crazy crap?" "Save people’s lives, instead of just their noses?" Taub adds.

But Foreman’s in charge now, so there won’t be any "crazy crap" on his watch. "He has no choice," Chase says to Taub. "He’s the boss now. He has to be professional. He has to base
his decisions on what’s best for the entire hospital. We can’t take it personally.” Foreman is impressed. “I couldn’t have said it better myself.”

Well, he would be impressed: Chase was just reading from the notes Foreman left on his desk. And there’s more: “He also wants us to spy for him.” Chase tells Taub. But Foreman argues that it isn’t spying: he’s merely trying to keep House out of prison. “To do that, I need to know what he’s doing and planning.” He adds that their new working relationship doesn’t have to be awkward or weird.

“I’m glad you feel that way, because I do have a favor to ask,” Taub says, as a nurse wheels in a stroller carrying both of his infant children. “Since I have my kids for the next two days, I need a babysitter.”

“Male patient went into V-fib but shows no signs of heart disease, or any other symptoms for that matter.” Adams reads Bob’s case to House and Park, as House paces around the outer office he now occupies again, but which is completely empty except for a small, beat-up table, some folding chairs, and a whiteboard.

“What was he doing when his heart decided to do the Mambo?” House asks. Apparently, Bob told them that he was at work when it happened. House spots Taub and Chase and nearly smiles, before pulling himself together to tell them they’re late - and to comment on Chase’s new facial hair: "Beard’s a nice touch. Lets everyone know you’re not a teenage girl.”

Back to the case, House has already figured out that Bob’s lying. “These abrasions on his knees - they’re minty fresh, not ten hours old.” Houses notes. But Bob said that he got them playing flag football. “I’m sure that’s true if ‘flag’ is a euphemism for ‘penis’ and ‘football’ is a euphemism for ‘entering vagina.” Adams doesn’t understand why Bob would lie about it, and Taub informs her that everyone lies.

“Speaking of which,” House says, "how are your two baby girls?” Park congratulates Taub on his "twins," giving House the opportunity to tell Adams and Park that Taub got two different women pregnant at the same time. “At least he thinks he did. Did you have the DNA tested yet?” Taub insists that there’s no need. House orders an exercise test for Bob to see if they can stress his heart again.

“I told you, I was sitting at my desk when the attack happened,” Bob tells Chase and Adams in his hospital room. "We think you were having sex, but memory loss could also be a symptom,” Adams says. "Maybe we should ask your wife?”

That gets him to come clean. "I did something stupid last night, but it was a one-time thing.” He was having sex with Miss Cedarville when he started feeling lightheaded. "Next thing I knew, I was lying on my back,” he says. "I could barely breathe.”

"Come on, I spent a month in solitary," House says, getting no response as he pounds on Wilson’s office door. "You don’t think I can keep this up all day?” Finally, Wilson opens the door.

"I have a headache,” Wilson practically whispers to House. "Can you just lower your voice?” "CHASE AND TAUB ARE BACK!” House yells, peering around Wilson’s darkened office. Also he suspects Taub brought his babies in to work with him today, since House wouldn’t give him time to find a babysitter. "But then I thought: who’d be sappy enough to watch them for him?” Wilson denies being the sap in question. "I have a massive migraine. Will you please just go away?” But first House pulls back the curtain on the door leading to a patio outside Wilson’s office... and sees the two babies.

"He’s in too good a shape. We need to get him to the point he was at last night,” Chase tells Adams, while they watch Bob easily stride on a treadmill. "Don’t look at me,” Adams says. "But if you want to...” He’s not talking about physical stress, though. Meanwhile, Park still isn’t convinced the test is a good idea. "It’s extreme and reckless,” Taub says. "That’s House. You get used to it.” "Or I fire you,” House says, wheeling in the babies, and a swab.

"I’m not letting you DNA test my kids!” Taub tells him. "Already did,” House says. "This swab’s for you.” Taub still refuses. "Fine, if you don’t mind paying a fortune for some other guys’ kids, no skin cells off my check,” House says. In the other room, Chase has found a way to get Bob’s heart rate up: he brought in Bob’s wife, Denise.

"Dr. Chase said you had something to tell me?” she asks. Chase wants him to tell Denise about the knee abrasions, from the flag football game. Bob’s caught off-guard, but then he asks Denise if she’d let the guys know he won’t be able to play next week. “That’s not what you wanted to tell her,” Adams says. "You said the game wasn’t... typical, something happened that you were
upset about?" Now Bob really has to scramble and he's sweating bullets. "I don't understand... what are you -"

But before he can finish, Bob collapses on the treadmill. "It's not his heart," Taub says, looking at the monitors. Chase already knows. "He's having a seizure."

"There wasn't any abnormal electrical activity in his EKG when the seizure occurred," Park says, huffing and puffing, as she and Adams carry in a new couch for the office. But Adams says they can't rule out V-fib, since his original emergency room EKG documented it. "Myocarditis. Viral infection weakening the wall muscles." Chase suggests. But myocarditis wouldn't cause a seizure. "Could be genetic. Brugada syndrome?" Taub asks. They would have seen evidence of that in the EKG.

House is displeased with the location of the couch, so the ladies move it, while Chase and Taub sit on the floor and watch. "A pheochromocytoma," Park says. "Excess adrenaline can cause heart problems and seizures." Too boring, House claims. And wrong. He settles on photic epilepsy. "It's equally boring, but it has the advantage of possibly being right." He orders an EEG to confirm.

"If you ever hear me mention anything about wanting kids, please feel free to punch me in the liver," Wilson says to Foreman, as he's pushing the babies' stroller around the lobby. Foreman has a dilemma of his own: what's wrong with House?

"He hasn't asked me for anything," Foreman explains. "He's been incredibly well-behaved. He's doing his clinic hours." Wilson thinks that House is content having his team and his office back. And if Foreman has a problem with House, he should deal with it himself. "Cuddy had a problem with House, she came to me. Wanted to vent, me. How did that turn out?"

"Sorry about earlier, but we needed to provoke a reaction." Chase and Adams are prepping Bob for the EEG. "It worked." Bob says, "I can barely look her in the eyes anymore." Adams tells him that she'd want her husband to tell her the truth, but Chase thinks Bob would only be doing that to make himself feel better, while his wife would be heartbroken.

"The EEG didn't show any abnormal brain activity," Chase says, back in House's office, part of which is sectioned off by curtains and undergoing construction, into what House won't say. He's on board now with a pheochromocytoma, which he earlier thought was both boring and wrong. "Finding a tumor that's flushing adrenaline through his system's going to take all night," he says. "Monitor his brain activity, start a continuous urine test, and blood draws every two hours." Taub tells him he's got to watch the babies tonight. "Chase and Adams can do the test," House says, handing Taub some quarters. "For the massage bed," he explains. "You and Park are checking the motel he was bumping uglies at for environmental factors."

The "Hourly Rates" sign is glowing in neon as Park, Taub, and the babies stroll into the motel, past a prostitute glaring at Park. "He couldn't find a babysitter. Get over it," Park says to her. "You're going to get us killed!" Taub says. "She thinks I'm a prostitute on her turf. Showing weakness is what gets you killed," Park explains. But why would she think Park was a prostitute? "I'm in a dump with a guy almost twice my age; what else is she gonna think?"

"So, who cheated on you?" Chase and Adams are in the monitoring booth, while Bob and his wife sleep in the other room. Adams just laughs and tells him it's a little early for them to be dragging out all their baggage. "Who says I have baggage?" Chase asks. "I know when House went to prison, you quit medicine," Adams says. "You don't do that unless -" Chase maintains that he was merely taking a vacation until House returned. But House didn't even know if he would be coming back at all. "I had faith," Chase tells her. "Now that has baggage written all over it," Adams says.

Suddenly, they notice an anomaly on the screen. One of the monitors has come loose, so Adams goes in to fix it. When she does, she sees a huge bulge protruding from Bob's neck. "What is it?" Chase asks. "Not a pheochromocytoma," Adams says.

"Our patient has a mass in his neck and his body temp's been rising over the last three hours," Chase relays the findings to House and the team the next morning. "And his urine and blood test didn't show any evidence of an adrenaline-secreting tumor," Adams says. Meningitis? His neck isn't stiff and his mental status is normal.

Taub bursts in. "Sorry I'm late. I had to drop my kids off at day care." "He's only guessing," House tells the team about Taub. "He can't say 'my' kids until he lets me test him."

What about the motel room? "Lab tests show the bed tested positive for semen, vaginal secretions, saliva, and fecal matter - both human and animal," Park says. "The bathroom also tested
positive for five different types of pathogenic bacteria." House guesses correctly that fusobacterium necrophorum was one of them. "Bacteria colonized his parapharyngeal space, moved into his jugular vein, causing a thrombus," he explains. "Lemierre's syndrome. Treat with amoxicillin and clavulanic acid. Take out the clot before it moves to his lungs and kills him."

"I have to tell my wife the truth," Bob says, as Park and Taub are preparing his treatment. If he dies during the operation and she finds out later, he'd never be able to explain himself or tell her he's sorry. He won't agree to the surgery until he talks to her. Soon after, Denise and their two kids, Sally and David, arrive. "I missed you both so much," Bob says. "But I need to ask you a favor. I need to talk to Mommy alone for a second."

"This guy's an idiot." Taub and Park are waiting for Bob to talk to Denise. But Park thinks he has a point. "What would you think if you found out years later your beloved, dead wife cheated on you?" Taub says he wouldn't believe it. And as long as she didn't tell him herself, he could at least cling to hope. "But this way, she has to either dump him or forgive him."

Denise walks out of the hospital room, looking distressed but trying to pull herself together. "I'll be back," Denise says. "I'm going to drop the kids off at my mother's. Look, he made a mistake. A stupid, horrible mistake. But we'll get through this. All I care about right now is that my husband is getting better."

"Why is he so obsessed with my kids being my kids?" Taub asks, as he and Wilson eat lunch in the cafeteria. Taub thinks he already knows the answer to his question: "Because he sees insecurity, and when House sense's weakness he pounces - and because his insecurity is the fact that other people can have faith and don't have the obsessive need for physical proof." There might be a simpler answer: "He started a betting pool on which kid is yours and which isn't," Wilson tells him.

"Approaching the clot, stand by..." Chase is performing the surgery on Bob with Adams, but it doesn't appear to be a clot anymore. "It's his lymph nodes," Chase says. "Bulge wasn't caused by pus or blood; it's tissue formation. How could there by that much tissue?" Lymphoma, Adams guesses. "We need to take a biopsy." Suddenly, Bob starts to crash. "Did I nick something?" Chase asks. Adams takes a flashlight to Bob's eyes. "The sclera's jaundiced. I think it's his liver. It's failing."

"We did a major operation for no reason," Adams says to the team, who House has assembled in the doctors' lounge. It's not Lemierre's syndrome, and the biopsy was clean, so it's not cancer, either. Park thinks that if Bob is a recovering alcoholic, withdrawal would explain the heart, seizures, and liver failure. "But not his swollen lymph nodes," House says, from behind the couch, where he's got the lounge's wiring panel open. "Why are you stealing cable from here? We don't even have a TV in our office," Park says. "I'm an ex-con, trying to adjust to a world that's passed me by. Stealing's all I know," House says.

And he knows that he was right about what's wrong with Bob, he was just wrong about what. Adams looks confused. "He means it's not Lemierre's, but it's still an infection, which is why it's spreading so rapidly," Taub explains. House wants to blast Bob with broad-spectrum antibiotics. "The blast will fry what's left of his liver," Adams says. "Not if we get him a liver transplant first, and then treat him with the broad-spectrum," Chase tells her.

"And Old Team for the win!" House says. "Not that I'm keeping score. It's more of a grid, where I assign numerical value to determine who gets raises, vacation time, and my respect."

"We have him on the donor list for a liver, but these things take time," Adams and Chase are explaining Bob's situation to Bob and Denise. But there is another option: they can do a partial liver transplant from a living donor. Denise quickly volunteers herself. "If you're a match," Chase says. "But to increase our odds, we'd like to get your friends and family tested as well." But the donor would have to spend a week in the hospital and up to three months convalescing at home.

"I can't ask someone to do that for me," Bob says. "There are hundreds of people who would do that for you," Denise assures him. "Because they don't know the real me," he says, crying. "You are a good man, who made a mistake," Denise says. Bob will do it, but he wants to confess to everyone first. Denise has to live with what Bob did, too. "I know, and I'm sorry, but it's the only way that I can do this," he says.

The next day, it looks like the entire town of Cedarville is filling out donor forms in the clinic lobby, when the doctors and Denise wheel Bob in. The crowd starts to clap for Bob, but he cuts them off. "Before I ask any of you to sacrifice three months of your life for me, I have a confession.
I had an affair. I cheated on Denise. I wouldn’t blame anyone if you decided - "I forgive him," Denise interrupts. "That should be enough for all of us. Thank you so much for coming."

But Bob isn’t done confessing. "There’s more, Larry," Bob says, pointing to an older gentleman, "that new transmission I put into your truck - you didn’t need it. Joe, same thing with the engine rebuild. In fact, I cheated most of you here tonight. Half the time you bring your cars into my garage, there’s nothing wrong with them. I’ve been ripping you all off for years." Bob says, choking back tears, as the crowd starts to look more and more restless.

Bob takes a deep breath. "I also took $10,000 from the Harvest Scholarship fund, and I lost it gambling." Townspeople start to stream out of the room. "I’m sorry. I’m not the man you thought I was," he says, wheeling himself out, while Denise stands back, looking shocked and embarrassed.

"Out of the two donors that didn’t walk out, both were negative for a potential match," Chase tells the team, back in House’s office, now equipped with a martini bar. "Telling the truth may have just killed this guy." But they only thought he was going to tell Denise he cheated, not confess every sin he ever committed. "If everyone did that, we’d never find a donor for anyone again," Park says. "Everybody doesn’t lie, cheat, or steal from their friends," Adams says. "Yeah, they do," Chase argues. "Maybe not as much as this guy, but if people told nothing but the truth, the world would probably burn down overnight." "Some people think it’s burning now. Maybe if everybody didn’t lie..." Adams says.

"Aww, that is cute," House says. "I’m talking about your breasts. They always get perky when you’re being painfully earnest. Truth. It’s uncomfortable, isn’t it? More truth: I only noticed because Chase was staring at them. He’d never admit it because he doesn’t want to offend you, the same reason that he’d never tell you that he’s thought about having sex with you. Although, to be fair, every man you’ve ever met has thought about having sex with you. They’ll lie, because if you knew, you probably wouldn’t want to have sex with them. And that’s just some of the lies from the last minute. And here’s a bigger one: you already know this, but you pretend you don’t, because it makes you feel civilized. Most people find it easier to ignore the truth."

Meanwhile, Bob can’t wait for a transplant that may never come. "We need to get reckless and extreme. CT his liver, find the damaged area, and cut it out. Hopefully, what’s left will be enough so we can start treatment with broad-spectrum antibiotics."

"I’m sorry the first time I had both of you together I had to work," Taub says to his infant daughters, as he lifts them both from the stroller and places them on a bed in his apartment. "But Daddy’s boss is what we call a jackass. I’m also sorry for what I’m about to do, because nothing will ever change how I feel about you guys. But daddy is weak and needs to know." And then he swabs both of them for samples.

"It’s 3:30 in the morning. Why are you still here?" Chase and Adams are surprised by a visit from Foreman to the CT room where they’re testing Bob. "House is here, preparing for an operation that will probably kill a patient," Foreman says. Chase tells him that he wouldn’t be doing it if he thought there was another way. "There is! He needs a transplant," Foreman says. But Bob will be dead unless he gets one in the next several hours. "That falls under natural causes," Foreman says. "If you kill him, we’re looking at -" "Dead is dead!" Chase interrupts. Not as far as the lawyers are concerned. "This is a real issue," Foreman says. "And I have to worry about the big picture now."

"I don’t," Chase responds. "I’ll be doing what you would have done a year ago. I’ll be in surgery." But Adams sees something strange on the monitor. A recent CT scan versus one from ten hours ago shows that his liver has improved. "It’s healing itself," Foreman says, perplexed.

"When I left the room, he was telling her about the strippers from his bachelor party," Taub and the team, plus House, who’s got a bag of popcorn, are watching Bob and Denise argue from the nurse’s station outside Bob’s room. At least they have a few more days to figure out what wrong with him, as his liver function has improved 30 percent. But why is it regenerating? Finally, Denise has had enough and storms out of the room. "Aaand scene," House says. "Now we’re back to boring reality reality."

House thinks Bob’s liver was in shock before, and he’s been having an allergic reaction since he got here. That would explain why his symptoms appeared so rapidly. "We need to run a scratch test to find out what set it off," Taub says. "Or who," House notes. "This all started when he cheated on his wife." Maybe he’s allergic to the girl, or something she’s wearing. "Make-up, perfume, birth control method, her Hello Kitty doll. Two of you go find her and find out what.
Two of you start treatment with corticosteroids and epinephrine while you run a scratch test."

"You think I did this to him?" It's Miss Cedarville, Cindy, and she's getting blood drawn by Adams and Chase. It could be something she wore, used, or gave him. "I gave him a condom. He didn't have one," she says. She doesn't know what kind it was; she picked it up from the health fair where she was working. "Are you in the medical profession?" Chase asks. "I'm Miss Cedarville, the health fair is one of my responsibilities," she says. "Is another one hooking up with thirty-eight-year-old married men?" Adams asks. Cindy looks crushed. "Guess I was supposed to be the good cop," Chase says. "I know this is tough, but anything you might remember might help save his life."

"He was giving me a ride home," Cindy starts, "and he always seemed so nice. And then we ended up at the motel." She starts crying. "And now everybody's talking about it, and if they find out it was me I'm going to lose my title and probably my job. And no one in town is going to speak to me again. I made a mistake, and now it's going to end up ruining my life."

"Denise never wants to see me again," Bob tells Park and Taub as they administer the test and give him the medicine. What did he think was going to happen? "I was sick of living a lie. Everybody loved me. Everybody looked up to me. I didn't deserve it." He thinks if he's going to die, at least it will be with a clean soul. "And if you live?" Park asks. "You didn't just burn bridges. You torched, nuked, and salted the earth with them." It looks like she found a reaction on Bob with the test. "Feels like you stuck me with a hot poker!" It's the swab for a wheat-based allergy. Suddenly a rash starts to spread. "I've been eating wheat my entire life. I'm not allergic to wheat," he says, but his heart is pounding, and he's shaking from the pain.

"This doesn't make any sense. He broke out with a rash right after I tested with a wheat allergy swab, but none of his blood samples show he's allergic to it." Park is in the lab with Taub and Chase. The steroids couldn't have caused it, because they hadn't given them to him yet. "None of the samples test positive for anything," Park says. "Then he's allergic to something not on the test," Taub says. "I'll keep looking here." Which also gives him an opportunity to compare the DNA samples he took, but he's interrupted by Foreman.

"Chase called me a sellout," he says. "Just because you hung up your lab coat for more money and a bigger office?" Taub asks. Foreman tells him that someone had to run the place after Cuddy left. "There are a lot of good administrators out there. Not many good doctors," Taub says. "There's more to it than you think," Foreman says. "For example, you're looking at monkey DNA. My analysis: House took your results after he manipulated you into providing them." Suddenly Taub's pager starts beeping.

Bob is screaming in agony when the doctors race in. He tries to lift up an arm, and they see a long patch of skin draping off. Chase gently lifts part of Bob's gown and pulls off a layer of skin from his chest.

"He's shedding skin like a snake," Adams and the team tell House. "If it was an allergic reaction, the corticosteroids and epinephrine would have made him better, not worse," Taub says. "Is everyone trying to think of an answer?" Park asks. "Or is everyone afraid to say what they think the answer is?" Stevens-Johnson syndrome fits all symptoms, and explains why he got worse after the steroids. But there's no treatment for it. "It fits," House says. "Case closed. Why don't you go home and get some sleep."

Later, instead of going home, Chase is sitting by Bob, who looks like he's shed an entire layer of skin and is moaning from pain and having trouble breathing. "I feel like I'm in hell," he says. "We can't give you too much pain medication or it will make your condition worse," Chase tells him. Bob looks at Chase. "I've got one final confession to make." "What's left?" Chase asks. "You cheated on your taxes?" But he's not prepared for Bob's answer: "I'm a murderer. I killed my business partner. I shot him in the head. I made it look like suicide. And he was just the first." Chase can't believe it. "You killed more?" "Three... or four," Bob says. That gives Chase an idea. He leans into Bob. "Try not to kill anyone else until I get back."

"It's neurological. There's an aneurysm in the anterior communicating artery of his brain." Chase shows the team a scan of Bob's brain in the CT room booth. "The area moderating impulse control and compulsion. As it grew larger, so did the confessions. Watch." He calls to Bob in the other room. "One of my shoes is missing from my locker." Bob immediately sounds remorseful. "I'm so sorry. I needed the cash. And, um, the locker was open and I couldn't help myself." But what kind of neurological problem causes someone's skin to fall off? "There isn't one," House says. "The aneurysm is just another symptom. It's not the cause. We add them all together, we
get...?

But neither his new team nor his old team knows the answer. He tries to help: "We get Kawaaa? ... Kawaa? ... It's Kawasaki disease. It's autoimmune." "Yes, we knew what 'Kawaa' meant," Tau says. "We just figured since it basically presents only in Asian children -" "Which you might have, by the way," House interrupts. "Which is basically why we missed it. Rug burns. Certain carpet cleaning chemicals have been linked to it. Start treatment with intravenous immunoglobulin. And monitor the aneurysm. If it doesn't resolve itself, we'll have to repair it."

"Monkey DNA. Nice touch," Taub follows House out into the hallway. "Really? You don't think I should have gone with rat? I've been second-guessing myself all day," House says. He's got the DNA results, but he won't give them to Taub until he admits House was right. "I love them. I don't care if one of them isn't biologically mine," Taub says. "What about both?" House asks. Taub's face drops. "Could be. I haven't read these," House says. "Now say I was right." He won't do it. 'I'll admit I was weak for a moment, but I'm not doing this. I don't care.'

House thinks he can prove that Taub does care. "I will shred this. I'll call off my pool, return the money, and forget all about it. Or, we'll go to the light box in the lab and know the truth once and for all." He holds the folder with the results over the shredder. "Stop!" Taub doesn't let him go through with it. "Let me see it." House hands over the results to Taub, who quickly looks inside and then drops the folder into the shredder himself. He just wanted to make sure all three results were inside.

"The Mayor checked. There wasn't any money missing from the scholarship fund." Denise comes to see Bob, who already looks much better from the treatments Chase and Adams are giving him. "Dr. Chase told me about your disease, and how it made you confess to crimes you hadn't committed." Chase and Adams look at each other. They know there's at least one confession that was true. "The affair with that girl? Is that real?" Denise asks. "Honey, I would never, have never cheated on you," Bob says. Denise is overcome with relief. "I knew you could never do that to me. I don't know how, but I knew."

"Glad to see taking a year off didn't dull your skill set," Foreman congratulates Chase in the doctors' lounge. Chase says he just got lucky. "About the other night," Foreman starts, "I have enough problems with this job. Second-guessing my best doctors shouldn't be one of them." That's as close to an apology as Chase is going to get.

But why is he still in the hospital? "I haven't left the hospital in four days," Foreman tells Chase. "House won't go home. And there's no way I'm leaving him here unsupervised."

Chase laughs. "House is screwing with you - by not screwing with you," he says. "He's watching TV and drinking martinis all night. Meanwhile, he's keeping you searching for a plan that doesn't even exist." Foreman can't believe he missed that. "I'm glad you're back," he tells Chase. "Me too," Chase says.

"Either a hot tub or a sauna." Chase is trying to guess what new amenity House is about to unveil to the team from behind a giant red curtain. "New Team, Old Team, I present: Phase 1 of Outer Office 2.0." He drops the curtain... and it's exactly as it was before. Nothing's changed. House laughs. "Oh, everything has changed."

He picks up a small remote control, and suddenly a huge panel of the wall starts slowly lifting, revealing a direct view into Wilson's office. House holds up a martini glass to Wilson, who surveys what House has done to their offices, and just says, "No." House smiles and hits the remote and the panel starts slowing dropping down again.
Parents

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Summary: House and his team treat a teenage boy who requires a bone marrow transplant, and discover a disturbing family secret. Meanwhile, Taub tries to cope with the fact that his ex-wife wants to take their new daughter and move cross-country, and House schemes to get rid of his ankle monitor and go to a boxing match.

"OK, boys and girls. Guess what kind of animal Wacky Benny is making now?" Teenager Ben Parker, in full clown gear, is nervously trying to entertain a group of children at a birthday party. The kids are bored and the parents look worried, but Ben presses on with the job of twisting balloons into animal shapes. Pop!

"Is it a dead animal?" one of the kids cracks. Dad wants to put Ben out of his misery. Mom thinks Ben's never going to learn if they shut him down. "You're a sucky clown," the joker kid says. And then the kid punches Ben in the groin. "Hey! That is not OK," Ben tells him, grabbing his arm. The boy's dad races over to tell Ben to keep his hands off his son. "Tell him to keep his hands off me!" Ben says, but he starts to lose his balance and fall backward, collapsing in a heap. "I can't move my arm or leg!"

"So, how does a completely healthy teenager have a mini-stroke?" Taub starts off the DDx in House's office. Ben's head CT, cerebral angiogram, and clotting parameters were all normal.

But House is more interested in the "middle-aged clown." Taub, who's come to work with a strange wrinkled patch on his shirt, which House refuses to believe is the result of either a seat belt or a diaper bag. Hoping to deflect, Taub mentions that drugs, like cocaine, could have caused an arterial spasm in Ben's brain. But Ben tested clean for drugs. No, House is convinced Taub's shirt was messed up in a fight.
"I'm going to say it was the ex-girlfriend you cheated on, not the ex-wife you cheated with," House says. "Because if the latter was prone to violence, you'd have been scattered in various dumpsters years ago." Taub looks around the table for help from his colleagues. Silence. Chase reaches into his wallet to hand House some cash. "What's the action on the ex-wife?" Surrounded, Taub gives in.

"It was Rachel's boyfriend, Phil," Taub explains. "His company's moving back to Portland. He wants me to change my visitation orders so he can ask Rachel and my daughter to move out West with him. Things got a little heated."

Ben, on the other hand, was punched in the groin, which could have triggered a massive sympathetic discharge. But the carotid duplex was normal, so the focus quickly shifts back to Taub.

"Who's better qualified to be the daddy?" House asks. "The guy who spilled a little DNA in her gene pool or the guy who's going to be there day and night to pass on important values, like not schtooping Mommy after the divorce?" Taub is adamant that his daughter will remain nearby. Park thinks House might have a point, though. "A couple nights a week with each kid may make you feel better. It doesn't replace two round-the-clock parents."

But Chase says parenting is an impossible job, and there's no way not to mess it up. "Why shouldn't Taub be the one to do it?" he asks. House finds both Park's and Chase's views on parenting unsurprising, but what about Adams? "What did your screwed-up parents do to screw up your view of parenting?" She just shakes her head: "They were good parents." Not possible, according to House. Every parent screws up their kid.

Taub spots the flaw in his argument, asking, "So all parents screw up all children, but it makes some huge difference if I keep my daughter here or let her move?" That briefly shuts House down.

What about endocarditis? House orders a transesophageal echocardiogram to confirm, with a parting shot to Taub: "Screwed up is her 'best case.' Bouncing between a philandering, workaholic dad and an embittered, sexually betrayed mom - that's going to lead to screwed up, squared."

"Is endocarditis treatable?" Ben's mom, Janey, and her husband, Ron, are at his side as Chase and Taub set up the echo. They're relieved to know it's treatable with medication and he probably wouldn't even need surgery. "He's just taken up performing. And it's very stressful for him," Janey tells them. "Could that have caused this?"

"It's not stressful," Ben says, smiling. "I have fun." Stress wouldn't necessarily be relevant, but anything that increases his adrenaline could have made it worse. "Maybe we find you a new hobby," Janey says. "One you're a little better at." "I'm going to get better at it, and it's not a hobby," Ben tells her. "I think I want to get a job working as a circus clown. Making people laugh."

Janey looks stunned and confused. "Ben, I don't think that's a good idea," she says to him, laughing. "It was good enough for my dad," Ben says. Ron wonders if Ben's biological father's melanoma could be part of the problem, but according to Taub, that wouldn't be related, either. Janey doesn't understand why Ben would want to follow in the footsteps of a man he barely knew. "You're such a smart kid. You could aim a lot higher than face paint and seltzer bottles."

"I need treatment for my type 2 diabetes." House is in the clinic with a patient, but he doesn't believe a word the man is saying. "I've been experiencing weight gain, fatigue, and sluggishness," the man dutifully reports. "Weight loss is a symptom of diabetes," House says. "Fatigue is a symptom of thinking you have a disease you don't actually have. And sluggishness is a synonym of fatigue." But the patient insists he needs insulin.

"As much as I'd like to kill you by dangerously lowering your blood sugar, murder violates my parole," House tells him. Now the man wants all-new blood work, claiming that the info House has is old. "I am the test!" House yells. "The test is negative. The test also thinks you're a giant pain in the ass."

The man won't budge, demanding that House take a new blood sample. House sighs. "Fine, wait here." He closes the exam room door behind him and calls to a nurse. "Sleep study," he says, pointing to the room. "Make sure he's not disturbed for the next eight hours."

"We need to talk about Saturday night," Wilson says, as he catches House at a nurse's station. "Oh, no no no," House says. "Historians will talk of Saturday night. Not us. The legendary night on which we watch Santos shatter Rubio's jaw, and you epically pay me $50 dollars." But Wilson
might be able to watch the fight in person, because a patient has a pair of tickets he can't use. "And, obviously, you're under house and office arrest. I just wanted to make sure you were cool if I go to Atlantic City without you."

"Uh, no thanks. I'm afraid I'm going to have to decline your invitation to not spend Saturday night with you," House says, assuring Wilson he's not at all cool with it. "I'm going to that fight," Wilson tells him. House thinks for a second. "All right. I'll take the other ticket. Let me worry about logistics."

"Patient's heart valves are normal. It's not endocarditis. But he has a thickened pericardium, which makes no sense," Chase tells House when he gets back to his office. So he has a heart problem, but not one that would have caused his transient ischemic attack. Syphilitic vasculitis? The syph test was negative. "Plus, the kid's never been sexually active," Park tells House. "Yeah, I got that from the line on his chart that says 'birthday clown,'" he says.

It can't be histoplasmosis, because Ben's not immunocompromised. "What if he has a heightened immune system?" Adams asks. "Sjogren's could have given him chronic pericarditis and cerebral arteritis." That sounds good to House so he orders IV immunosuppressants to treat Ben.

"This'll calm your immune system. You should be out of here within the week." Taub is prepping the IV in Ben's room. "My mom will be happy to hear that," Ben says, though he doesn't seem very pleased about it. "I've got an internship that starts in three weeks." It's at his stepdad's law office. "I know I'm not any good at being a clown yet, but when I do get a laugh, see those kids' eyes light up, that's how my dad made me feel when I was a kid." Taub's clearly moved.

"You need to hang on to that," he tells Ben. "My mom says he was a loving father, but always broke, always on the road," Ben says. "Stupid way to make a living," Ben laughs. "You're 16," Taub says. "Plenty of time to make money. Wanting to build a connection with your dad, pass on some of the joy that he gave you, that's not stupid at all." Suddenly, Ben's nose starts to bleed, and then blood gushes from his mouth. It's not Sjogren's.

"TIA, thickened pericardium and now he's bleeding from his nose and mouth." Taub and the team present the new developments to House in his office, though Taub is somewhat distracted to see that House is holding one of his baby daughters in his lap. "What are you doing with her!" he yells, as he races over to retrieve her.

"Her? Surely this little bundle of fun has an actual name," House asks. Her name is Sophie. And his other daughter's name is Sophia. House smiles. Taub was not in any position to make demands. "It's different enough," he says. "They actually have two completely different derivations," Adams says. Taub looks at her. "No, they don't," she admits. His ex-girlfriend, Ruby, dropped off Sophie. "She seemed pretty upset," House says. "Apparently, someone forgot that it was daddy's night. She wasn't even going to leave her until I said I was letting you off early."

Taub's schedule has been a mess since he rejoined the team. He tries to get back on track with the diagnosis: "Patient has low platelets. Makes me think DIC." Sophie starts screaming. She doesn't like Taub's suggestion, and neither does House. Ben doesn't have any schistocytes in his smear. "He also has a low red count," Park says. "What if it's a retroperitoneal bleed?" But there's no Grey Turner's sign.

Sophie's still fussy with Taub, unlike how she was with House. "Maybe she likes the sound of my voice," House says. "Which is weird, because I have no genetic connection to her. Could it be that she doesn't know the difference?" "So many children of your own, no wonder you have such insight into my relationships with my babies," Taub says. "Good point," House tells him. "How could I comprehend that you're too despised to keep them from having the same name, too overwhelmed to remember your own calendar, and too vain to admit that at this stage, you don't matter to either baby?"

Adams brings them back to Ben: "Low white count suggests infection." House wonders if maybe they're all right. "Low platelets plus low red count plus low white count equals..." "Aplastic anemia," Chase says. Ben needs a bone marrow transplant.

"Everyone, except Adams, transfuse his platelets until you find a match," House orders, and they all march out, except for Adams. He's done some research on her. "You started college a semester late, because you left high school a semester late, because you had five Incompletes in your junior year." One bad semester is proof that her parents screwed her up? "Did OK before that, straight A's after that," House says. "I went through a rebellious phase," she offers, still not seeing what the big deal is. "Don't tell me - mom and dad were at each others' throats, and the
academic crisis was a cry for help?” House guesses. She just laughs. “Sorry to mess with your world view, but I’m not messed up. So, my parents couldn’t have messed me up.”

“Mom’s HLA is only a 3/6 match.” Chase and the team are trying to find a donor for Ben in the lab. Taub comes in, after dropping Sophie off at the maternity ward. Adams notes that he’s making House’s argument for him about the baby not needing him specifically. “You’ve only got her a couple days a week, and most of that’s spent with a rotating cast of nurses.”

“That’s how daddy likes to spend his time, too,” Chase says. Ben’s first cousin isn’t a good match, either. “So much for genetics mattering,” Park says, looking at Taub. “I’ll try the marrow registry.”

“Dr. Park is searching the marrow registry. Transfusing his platelets will keep him healthy while we wait.” Taub and Chase are bringing Ben and his mom and step-dad up to speed. “You sure there’s no one, on the father’s side of the family. If one of them’s a match, that would speed things up a lot,” Chase says. Janey says that Ben’s dad was an only child, with no living relatives. Ron asks if Ben is going to have to miss a lot of school. “I’m actually thinking of just getting my GED,” Ben says. “How do you expect to get into a good college?” Janey asks. “I’m going to take classes, on magic and juggling,” Ben tells her. “Try to make a go of this.” Ron says if he keeps his grades up, he can do anything in the world. “Like what?” Ben asks. “Work at some boring office? I mean, do you think my father would have done that for ten minutes?”

Janey reminds him that he barely knew his father. “I want to build a connection with him. Pass on some of the joy that he gave me,” Ben says. Then suddenly he starts fidgeting from back pain and his blood pressure drops.

“We think we’ve dealt with all the liability issues...” Foreman is video-conferencing in his office. Or at least he’s trying to, as House maneuvers himself into Foreman’s camera shot, displays bunny ears behind him and generally makes a nuisance of himself as he waits for his appointment with Foreman. Foreman gives in and shuts down his laptop.

“Just got this,” he says, holding an envelope. “The American Association of Rheumatology wants you to speak. Nine o’clock. Saturday. In Atlantic City.” Apparently another doctor canceled at the last minute. House feigns dismay. “I hate conferences.” But Foreman encourages him. “This is a big one. And it’s the premium slot,” he says. “I’d like you to do it. I’ll clear it with your parole officer.” Foreman sighs. “Now what do I need to do for you?” “Halve the clinic hours that you recently doubled, and double the hooker budget that you recently halved. I think you refer to it as ‘petty cash,’” House says.

“Fine,” Foreman tells him. “Just one thing. I’m going to ask them to put you on in the morning. We’re doing them a favor, why should you have to spend the night?” But wasn’t nine o’clock the “premium spot?” “The place will be a madhouse,” Foreman says. “Especially since it’s two miles from the Rubio fight at the exact same time!” Foreman was on to House the whole time. He knows House called the conference, posing as the doctor who was scheduled to speak and canceled, suggesting himself as a replacement. “You go to that fight, you go to prison.”

“Well, that’d be redundant,” House says. “I’ve got an angry black guy waiting for me to drop the soap right here.” “Better go do some of those clinic hours I recently doubled,” Foreman tells him.

“Test my urine.” It’s the diabetes guy, back in the clinic. And he’s holding up a cup of urine for House. “Looks like I was wrong about my diagnosis,” House says. Not about him not having diabetes, but about him being a hypochondriac. If he was, he would have imagined a new disease after House shot down the first one. “So, whose urine is that? Diabetic girlfriend without health insurance?” The guy insists it’s not a scam. “I’m sick! Now I have swollen ankles!” “The medical term is ‘cankles’,” House says.

The man is convinced he must have diabetes because every male in his family is diagnosed with it at fifty, and he just turned fifty. “I need to get a jump on this thing!” Just then Chase and Taub burst in to tell House they had to halt the transfusion because Ben is having an allergic reaction to donor platelets. “No one in mom’s family is a match, and as far as she knows, dad has no living relatives. It’s been years since he died,” Taub says. House takes a look at Ben’s file. “The kid’s dad died young of melanoma. How come the overprotective mom never took him to a dermatologist?”

Meanwhile, diabetes guy is getting impatient. “Are you going to test my urine, or what?” He holds out the cup again, and House takes it. He uncovers it, sniffs it like fine wine, takes a swig and then swirls it around in his mouth. He finally swallows and says, “Not diabetes.” He turns to
Chase and Taub, who look both horrified and disgusted: "Use cross-matched platelets to try to find the patient some blood that’s closer to his own. And get the real story on Clown, Sr.’s death. Mom’s hiding something. It’s a good bet that it’s medically relevant." And he takes another gulp from the cup. "Apple juice," he tells the man. "Easiest way to fake a spike in blood sugar."

"His family history of melanoma may have affected his... cellular outlook." Taub and Chase are trying to fish for info as best they can. They tell the parents that unless they can get more detail on the type of melanoma Ben’s father had, they might not be able to find a match. Janey admits that he never had melanoma. Ron is shocked. Taub asks how he died. "He didn’t," she says, starting to tear up. "He lives in Pennsauken, under a different name. Mitchell Gordon."

"How could you keep this from me?" Ron asks. "From Ben?" "He really needs to know his dad just breezed in and out of his life, drunk and incoherent? Better to think the man’s dead but decent," Janey says.

"You realize I have to invite someone else to the Rubio fight?" Wilson and House are eating in the cafeteria. House still plans on going, however even though he has a "LoJack" on his leg. Wilson tries to deflect with some parental talk. "Your biological father was a decent, God-fearing minister. The guy who raised you was a cold-hearted jerk. I'm trying to figure out why you’re so convinced Adams has parentally inflicted damage. You have to believe that every parent screws up every child, or you were screwed out of a decent childhood." House reminds Wilson that his "decent" man-of-the-cloth father was being indecent with his married mom.

"Mitchell Gordon?" Park and Taub have found Ben’s biological father, living next to a liquor store. "We’re doctors," Taub tells him. "Your son, Ben, is in the hospital, at Princeton-Plainsboro. He’s very sick." Mitchell just looks down and says he doesn’t have a son. "Not anymore." "We know there are some issue there," Park says, "but your bone marrow could cure him." They offer to take him to a local hospital for a simple test. Why wouldn’t they want him to go to Princeton-Plainsboro? "His mother feels it’s better to do the test at a different hospital," Taub tells him. "Well, I guess I don’t have a son anymore," Mitchell says, and slams the door.

"House isn’t going to give up. Just tell him about your parents. Or make up a lie." Chase is giving Adams some friendly advice while they’re in the lab working on Ben’s blood. "I don’t want to lie," she says. "I don’t want to validate his ridiculous theory." Of course, Chase is the one who doesn’t think it’s ridiculous. "Even the best-intentioned parents end up damaging their kids." How much damage could Chase have? He’s a smart, successful doctor. "You know how I got interested in medicine?" he asks her. "When my mother drank, she couldn’t handle me, so she locked me in my father’s study. There’s only so many hours you can cry and bang on the door before you give up, find something to read. We all have family dysfunction. It’s why we’re successful. To fill that hole."

Adams comes clean: "My parents have a lot of money. But they didn’t make it legally." Chase guesses white-collar crimes. "It started with card games," she says. "High-stakes poker. Then my dad got into narcotics. At first just selling, but then using, too. Or he never would have gotten into the slave trade. Children, mostly. Easier to pack in small crates, plus the shipping’s a lot cheaper." And she reaches for Chase’s phone before he can stop her. Of course, Chase has House on video chat so he could listen in while he extracted the big secret from Adams. "Won’t even trust a coworker," House says. "What did your parents do to you?"

"You have to go see him yourself. He wouldn’t even come to the door a second time." Taub and Park are trying to persuade Janey to talk to Mitchell. Just as she agrees to make the trip, suddenly alarms sound in Ben’s room. He’s sitting up, struggling to breathe. Taub and Park race in. It’s a pleural effusion. "He had a bleeding problem earlier. Must be bleeding into his lungs," Park says. But there’s no blood in the chest tube. Janey doesn’t have to worry about driving to see Mitchell. "The problem isn’t his marrow. It’s his liver."

"Liver failure explains everything. The question is: what explains the liver failure?" House and the team have reconvened in his office. Another question would be: why is a there a strange man messing around with House’s ankle monitor? They know Ben doesn’t have an infection, because they tried antibiotics and he didn’t respond. House is also curious why Janey lied about Mitchell.

"This is how you plan to get to your boxing game?" Park asks, as the man is clearly trying to disable or remove the monitor. House is stunned. "Match, bout, fight, contest, Day, Helena - almost anything works after 'boxing,' except the word 'game.'" But Adams thinks his larger problem is that the people who design ankle monitors have probably thought of anything they’re trying to do.
"It's a synthetic problem," Taub says of Ben. "His liver's not synthesizing protein, so fluid is leaking out of his blood vessels. And mom's a selfish jerk. She traded up. Married a lawyer. Wants to forget the lowly circus clown." "You're defending the father because you feel like a jerk for baking buns in two different ovens," House says. "You want to believe the mythical biological connection excuses being a man slut." Chase thinks it's more likely Ben has a hyperammonemic problem. "His liver's not cleaning out his blood. The build-up of toxins is causing everything."

Taub maintains he's defending the father because the father got screwed. "After he lost his son, he lost his job, been in and out of rehab, gave up clowning. Yes, as a parent, I empathize. I say we tell the kid." But Ben is a minor and Janey is his guardian, and it's not even medically relevant. "She robbed them of 12 years together," Taub says. "Or, she ripped off the Band-Aid too late," House says. "That memory that she let Son of Bozo establish is making him chase his father's moronic profession."

Suddenly, House's monitor starts flashing. "This is where you dazzle me with your contingency plan," he tells the man, who instead chooses to grab as many of his tools as he can and run away. So, what about Ben? They can't treat for both synthetic and hyperammonemic. One requires hemodialysis and the other a liver transplant, which doesn't seem likely since they couldn't even find him a marrow match. "Get the mom's consent to pump him full of protein. If it's a synthetic problem, more fluid will leak into his chest and his heart will fail. If it's hyperammonemic, toxins will overwhelm his body and he'll go into a coma," House says. "Do you only like tests that involve the risk of death?" Park asks. "There are some slower, less conclusive tests. But why take that risk?" House says.

"There are very serious risks, but if we don't figure out what he has, we can't treat him at all." Taub is talking to Janey and Ron. Janey signs off on the procedure. "I may be a little out-of-bounds here," Taub says, "but in case there are complications, it might be a good time to come clean to your son, and let his father visit."

Janey thinks it's more than a little out-of-bounds. "I don't know the history, but everyone makes mistakes. Your son worships him," Taub says. "Mitchell is not Ben's father any more than a sperm donor would have been," Janey tells him.

"Dr. House. My husband saw you in the clinic. Wants treatment for diabetes." A woman has come to see House in his office. "He keeps imagining symptoms. And now I have to make him these awful, anti-diabetic meals." She wants House to write a fake insulin prescription. "The advantage of fake prescriptions is you don't have to be a real doctor to write one," he says. But she wants to know what she can safely inject into her husband's thigh. "His 'symptoms' will go away and then I can show him he was never sick," she says. House tells her that imaginary medicine is not his specialty. "I do have an imaginary colleague, who's just sent me an imaginary page. Imagine how sorry I am."

"Still mad about what happened in the lab?" Chase and Adams are handing off protein drinks to Ben. Adams isn't mad; she's being "professional." "You claim you're not screwed up," Chase says, "and you may even believe it. But House doesn't, and I don't. So you can wait until he camps out on your parents' lawn, or you can admit you don't live on some higher plane and thank me later." Ben complains of a weird feeling in his eye. It's bulging. "What's happening to me?"

"You look tired." Ruby stops by Taub's to pick up Sophie later that night. "I hate it when people say that," she tells him. "I know I look bad." Instead of going to bed early, she went out with friends, to pretend she had a life and "flirt with guys who'd have no interest in a mom, miss the baby I couldn't wait to get rid of, then get yelled at by my mom for staying out too late." She wants her own place. Taub suggests she go back to working at the hospital, but day care costs more than she makes. He offers her the guest room in his place so she can get a good night's sleep. Of course, just then his pager goes off, but he ignores it. He's happy to be able to spend more time to his daughter. He holds Sophie in the air. "It makes a difference... doesn't it?"

"You didn't answer your page last night." It's the next morning, and the team files in to the office. Taub claims his pager battery died. Chase and Adams were able to get Ben's eye back in place with steroid injections. "Mom's determination to keep dad away even as her kid gets sicker and sicker means she's got more to hide," House thinks. But now Taub wants to let it drop, since it's not diagnostically relevant. "I've been trying to persuade the mother," he says, "but it's her son so it's her call." "That's very evolved of you," House notes. "You don't usually see Darwinian changes over breakfast."

"I think you should give House permission to go to Atlantic City," Wilson has come to Foreman’s office on House’s behalf. "The guy has earned the right to go to one boxing match. He’s done everything you’ve asked. Funded and staffed his own department. Hasn’t even broken as much as a traffic law."

"You’re right," Foreman says. But he’s not going to let House go. "My job is to be the jerk. House has to believe that I have authority over him," "He can’t function under someone’s thumb," Wilson says. "I know, which is why you can’t go either," Foreman tells him. "Your job is to be his friend. To stay here and watch the fight on Pay-Per-View while bitching about me. If we both do our jobs, we might actually get him through his parole." Wilson is stunned, but he agrees with Foreman, and he pulls the tickets out of his coat pocket.

"Sorry to show up like this," Rachel and Phil catch up with Taub in the hallway. Taub was expecting a battery of lawyers. "No lawyers," Rachel says. "Phil had something that he would like to say. So I thought that he should say it in person."

"It was wrong of me to confront you about taking Rachel to Portland," Phil says. Rachel does want to move to Portland, but she won’t do it without Taub’s support. "So, you guys are trying to manipulate me, by playing Good Cop / Good Cop," Taub says. "Is that how little you think of me?" Rachel asks. "It’s clear you’re backing for House. I will see you this weekend when you pick up Sophie."


"Cankles." House is rolling down the socks of the diabetes guy in a clinic exam room, while his wife watches. "Is there some problem with the prescription... you gave me?" she asks. "I’m faint, I’ve been gaining more weight. I think I need a bigger dose," the man says. "If you double his placebo, he might drown," House says, pulling over a heart rate monitor. "Also, you forgot to mention that your heart rate is slow. Those awful, anti-diabetic meals you’ve been eating, do they contain bok choy?" "A pound of it. Every day," the wife says. "Bok choy has glucosinolates, which inhibit thyroid function, and account for all your symptoms," House says. He doesn’t have diabetes. "You have a bad case of irony. The food that you’re eating to stop making you sick is making you sick." The man is relieved. "Maybe I don’t have my father’s crummy genes after all."

"On the other hand," House says, "maybe you’re fat enough to get diabetes even without them."

"I can’t believe I have cancer." Ben is getting ready for his chemo. Park assures him they caught it early, so he should be OK. "I could die. Never went anywhere, did anything. If my father had lived, everything would have been different," Ben says. "Your mom and step-dad love you," Taub says. "They’ve given you a great home. That counts for a lot." Suddenly, Ben starts to crash.

"Renal failure, lung failure, heart failure. All before we started chemo." Chase and the team are outside Ben’s room in intensive care. Burkitt’s couldn’t have moved this fast. They are surprised to see Mitchell walk into Ben’s room. "What are you doing here?" Janey asks. "I was told this might be my last time to see my son," Mitchell says.

Janey is furious at Taub for interfering, but it was actually Ron who called. "This man’s Ben’s hero. Let them spend five minutes together." But Janey angrily pushes Mitchell out of the room. He looks at the team for a second, then turns around and walks away, but House notices something peculiar about the way he walks. "Wait," House says, and Mitchell turns around. "You sexually molested your son. Your walk - Tabes dorsalis. You have late-stage syphilis. Which you gave to our patient, presumably 12 years ago. Which also explains why mom isn’t big on family reunions." It’s clear from both Janey and Mitchell that House is right.

"I shouldn’t be here," Mitchell says, and shuffles off. But they tested Ben for syphilis already, and he was negative. "After 12 years, the active infection would have died down," House says. "Everywhere except the arteries in his brain where it could hide out from our tests. When that six-year-old heckler punched him in his juggling pins, it kicked up the dormant bacteria in his pelvis. The immunosuppressants we gave him sent it into overdrive. The antibiotics we gave him actually started destroying the syphilis, but like pouring water on a fire that led to a trail of toxic smoke and ash, it made his immune system overcompensate. Severe Jarisch-Herxheimer
Ron asks Janey if it’s true about the molestation. "I found stains on his clothes. He didn’t understand. And he didn’t seem traumatized. I kept trying to talk to him, but before long he’d forgotten, and he seemed happy and he seemed normal." So she sent Mitchell away and made sure Ben wouldn’t go looking for him. House orders IV penicillin, and anti-TNF antibodies. "He’ll be fine. Apart from the whole daddy rape thing."

"We’re not done," Adams says, following House out of Ben’s room. "No, you’re not," he agrees. "Notify the dad’s sexual partners, notify his employer, his landlord, notify the police." But she meant Ben. "We’re not going to tell him he was molested?" she asks. "To make him miserable, or to forfeit your license?" House asks. "To tell him the truth," she says. "He’s a virgin. How do we explain the STD. It’s a medical diagnosis. Screw the parents, the kid’s our patient."

"Well, then I guess Taub’s got a tough choice to make when the kid wakes up," House says. "Why is it my choice?" Taub wants to know. "Because you’re a dad. How could the rest of us possibly understand," House tells him.

"What was wrong with me?" Ben is awake, with Janey and Ron by his side, while Taub is hanging the IV. "It’s called syphilis," he says. Ben’s understandably confused. "You can get that without having sex?" Taub takes a second and says, "It’s rare, but it can happen."

"I didn’t tell him," Taub reports back to House in his office. "Your heart said he needed to know. Your brain knew he’s better off without it," House says. "Following your heart is easy. Following your brain is tough. Especially after years of following that much smaller, third organ. That’s why all parents screw up all children."

"Clever tactic. Pretending you’re not interested anymore." Adams comments on House’s cessation of probing questions about her childhood as they ride the elevator down. "How could that possibly work as a tactic?" House asks. "The fact is, once I saw those Incompletes, I knew your parents screwed you up. Details are just gravy."

Adams insists he’s wrong. "The only evidence you have is proof of something else. I ran away from home." Because she had lousy parents? "Because I didn’t," she says. "All my friends’ parents were divorced or having affairs or barely knew their kids’ birthdays." "You envied their dysfunction?" he asks. "I thought it made them deeper somehow," she says. "It was stupid. I hitchhiked to Manhattan, moved in with an older guy, in two months came running home. It took my parents years to get over it."

"That’s when you started to excel," House figures. "You were making it up to them. Your parents screwed you up by not screwing you up." "How does briefly wishing I were screwed up make me screwed up?" she asks. "It’s normal to be screwed up. It’s really screwed up to romanticize it," he says. "Guess that’s why you wanted to work with prisoners."

"It’s why I wanted to work with you," she tells him, as they reach the hospital lobby. House pauses for a second. "It was a tactic," he says, and walks away.

Taub practices a little speech before knocking on Rachel and Phil’s door. "I need to talk to you and Phil." He looks at Sophia, in Rachel’s arms. "I can’t let you move," he says. "You drove all the way out here to tell us what you already told us?" Rachel asks. "I’m sorry," he says.

"House, open up! I don’t want to miss the opening bell," Wilson is pounding on House’s door. Finally he lets himself in, but there’s no one there. "House?" Wilson makes himself at home on the couch, with his pizza and beer, and turns on the television. In the first row, drinking beers right behind the sportscaster doing a pre-announce, sit House and Foreman. All Wilson can do is laugh, eat his pizza, and sit back and watch the fight.
Dead & Buried

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
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Summary: A 14-year-old girl admitted for an allergic reaction gets increasingly worse. However, House would rather pursue the case of a deceased four-year-old and will go to any lengths to solve it... including going back to prison. Meanwhile, Park wonders why Chase is obsessed with personal grooming.

"The Patuxent River Naval Air station near D.C. was commissioned in 1943 by John McCain's grandfather." House rubs his ankle monitor while staring intently at his computer screen. "I'm thinking of going hang gliding," he tells his confused team, before launching into a case.

"What looks like kidney disease but isn't?" House quizzes the team about the new case. "And where's Chase?"

"Root canal and Buerger's," Taub answers. "The first one was regarding Chase. Root canal, if done correctly, doesn't look like kidney disease." But Foreman shows up with a different case he thinks that House won't be able to resist: "Patient had an idiopathic anaphylactic reaction. It stumped two ER docs and an immunologist from Johns Hopkins." It's not enough to pull House away from the kidney case that has him stumped, though.

"Patient went from asymptomatic to fried kidneys in less than a year," House says. "Stumped three interns and a department chair from Harvard." Foreman isn't ready to give up on his case: it's a 14-year-old girl, and the attacks are intermittent. And House's case? "A four-year-old boy, consistently at death's door."

With that, Foreman knows he's lost, and he walks away. Or at least he starts to, until Adams looks at the file. "This patient died five years ago." Foreman turns right around to hand House the teenage girl's file.

"I didn't say which side of the door he was on," House says. "The fact that he's dead makes it more interesting! Four-year-olds do not die of Buerger's."
After Foreman’s gone, Taub argues that they should take the teenager’s case. "Shouldn’t we be trying to maximize what we can save here? 14-year-old? Your freedom? Our asses?" House thinks it over, then hands Taub the 14-year-old’s file on his way out. "Save your asses."

"She was in a car accident when she was two; she only had minor injuries but her father died," Park reads from the teenage girl, Iris’, case file, in the outer office. But something that long ago probably would be relevant. Iris became ill at her 14th birthday party. Could she have been opening a present that triggered the reaction? Chase finally arrives and learns about the "pissing contest" between House and Foreman. Adams reads that the last thing Iris ate was strawberry cake, but all the allergy tests were negative.

"Do you like your dentist?" Park asks Chase. "I’m still going to my pediatric one. What’s your dentist’s name?" Chase is surprised, and mutters "Williams," looking down. "What if it’s not an allergic reaction?" Adams wonders. "Hereditary angioedema or systemic mastocytosis could mimic anaphylaxis." But the complement studies were normal, and there were no skin lesions.

Wait - how can Chase not know his dentist’s name when he just saw him this morning? Park takes a look at Chase’s hands. "You had a manicure! This is fresh. You weren’t at the dentist. Why would you lie about that?" Turns out it was to avoid having this exact conversation, or so Chase claims.

Adams notes Iris’ elevated blood pressure. "What about pheochromocytoma?” she asks. "Or an anaphylactoid reaction, which could be triggered by certain opioids.” Taub says. But the tox screen was clean, and Iris says that she doesn’t use drugs. And what Chase is saying doesn’t add up for Park.

"You’ve had your hair cut three times since I’ve met you," she tells him. "You can’t be embarrassed about a manicure. There’s got to be a deeper reason." Ignoring Park, Chase says that he and Park will check for pheo and run an expanded opioid panel. "You see what the patient says about drug use when her mother’s out of the room," he tells Taub and Adams.

"I need to ask you about something personal," Adams asks Iris. "Are you taking any drugs?" Iris is adamant that she never takes drugs, only vitamin C sometimes. She was opening a Magic 8 ball - "the joke gift, not the cocaine" - when she had her attack. "Is that it?" she asks Adams, petulantly.

Outside the room, Taub explains to Iris’ mom, that there are some drugs that could explain Iris’ reaction. "Iris has always been a moody girl," her mom says. "And now that she’s a teenager, it’s gotten worse. So, for the past few months I’ve been giving her something to relax her. Diazepam. I tell her it’s vitamin C. Being normal is very important to Iris. She couldn’t handle the thought of being on meds." That would explain it. Taub tells her. She may still be moody, but if they keep her off the drugs, she’ll at least be healthy. But then suddenly, Iris gags and throws up in her room. "Or it’s something else," Taub says to her mom.

"Need to DDx a patient with you." House seeks the counsel of Wilson, who’s wondering why he isn’t using the team. "According to Foreman, they’re only for DDx'ing people who are still alive," House says. "Foreman will find out you’re taking this case and he’ll bust you. But you know that. Which means... you want to go back to jail? Because it’s the one place you’re unable to indulge your self-destructive habits.”

Wilson is proud of his deduction, but House denies it. "Yeah, it’s much more likely that I’m taking this case because I miss showering with Cro-Magnons than that I actually happen to find it interesting." He relates the case to Wilson: when the four-year-old’s kidneys died, they transfused, and then his lungs died. And then he died. "What if the chicken was the egg?" House wonders. "What if the lung involvement came first? Lupus?"

Wilson doesn’t want to help him, though, because he thinks it’s a bad idea. "If the kid had a rash, or some circulation issue..." House continues, then checks his watch. "Damn!" he says, startling Wilson. "Sorry, just realized I’m late for my anger management class," House says as he walks out the door.

"Traffic, for sure. Taxes, definitely taxes." An instructor is writing "Temper Triggers" on a blackboard in a cleared-out auditorium, empty but for a small circle of bored-looking adults slouching in their chairs. House seems to be focused on a man to his right. "I lose my temper when someone suggests that a handful of pop-psych catchphrases can control our most seminal, intractable and natural reaction to a dead child. Am I right, Emory?" he says to the man. "They blew it, didn’t they? They missed your son’s rash. The faint one, on his cheek."
Emory says that his son didn't have a rash, and he'd like it if they could move on to someone else now. "Was he sensitive to sunlight?" House asks. "Cold fingers and toes?" "No!" the man yells, as the instructor tries to regain control of his class.

Later, as they're all gathering their things to leave, House tells Emory that he believes his son had Wegener's granulomatosis, and he wants to examine the boy. "You're a bit late for that, you ass," Emory says, walking away. House wants consent from Emory and his wife so he can get an exhumation order. "Ex-wife," Emory says. "And you'll never get her consent. New hub, new kids, she wants nothing to do with Drew's death. Or me."

House knows that he's angry about his son's death, but he also believes that he's angry because he doesn't know why he died. "People need answers," House says. Emory tells House is son is in a crypt in St. Jude's Cemetery.

"Feeling any pain or cramping here?" Adams is examining Iris while her mother watches. She says a bit, but also on her chest. "Breast tenderness," Taub says. "Have you been having regular periods, Iris?" "Not really," she answers. Adams and Taub look at each other. Taub wants to run a pregnancy test. "Iris isn't sexually active!" her mom says. "She doesn't even have a boyfriend." But pregnancy could explain all of her symptoms, even unpredictable allergic reactions. "But, how can I be pregnant, if I've never even had sex?" Iris asks. Then suddenly she looks scared. "My arms! I can't move my arms!"

"At this rate, I'm going to need to pick out a plot for myself." House is ambling slowly behind an elderly groundskeeper at the cemetery. "Thanks to your generous donation, you have all morning," the man says, though he does need to know the exact procedure House intends to perform on the remains. "You ever hear of the North American Man-Dead Boy Love Association?" he asks. The old man wants House to observe the grounds with decorum. "So, you're taking bribes to plunder graves, and I need to show respect?"

But House isn't going any further unless he tells the old man why he's there. "I think they got the cause of death wrong, and if I find a hole in the cartilage of his nose, then that means I'm right." The man shows House into the crypt, toward the sarcophagus, and then he leaves.

It's dark inside, and House only has a small flashlight. Just as he finds the boy, his phone rings, the sound amplified in the small room, scaring him. "You owe me a new pair of pants," he says, and puts the phone on speaker.

"She is pregnant. Test came back positive," Adams tells him, as he tries to pry open the sarcophagus. "Cerebral tumor?" Taub asks. "Vasculitis?" Adams wonders. "MS," Park says. House hears the whoosh of air releasing and lifts the heavy cover. "I gather from the silence that Chase isn't there," House says.

Back at the hospital, Chase has just walked in but doesn't let on to House, saying, "I'm here." "I assume you concur with the diagnosis?" House asks, and Chase has to scramble to figure out with what he's concurring. "Absolutely," he bluffs. Whoops. "Even though there are three diagnoses?" House asks. "And MS and vasculitis usually get better with pregnancy."

Chase tries to cover: "Yeah, I was saying I agree with the other one," while Park stands up to get a better look at him. "He's had his eyebrows waxed!"

Chase claims that he's met a woman who likes well-groomed men. "All over?" House asks. No response. "I assume from the silence that Chase has had a Brazilian," House asks, as he examines the dead boy. There's no hole. "The question is: is this really about a woman, or is it about something more profound?"

Chase has another question: could Iris' symptoms be caused by an STD? "HIV-related mononeuritis multiplex." House wants them to test for HIV and do an MRI to rule out tumors. House looks at the boy's decaying fingers and thinks maybe he found something.

"Blood work was negative for HIV. All the money's on tumor." Taub checks in on Adams and Chase in the MRI booth while Iris is having her procedure in the other room. Adams wants to know if there's any truth to House's theory that there's more to Chase's new grooming habits, like the Brazilian, which he says hurt "a bit." "I'm vain and shallow," Chase claims, matter-of-factly. "And you weren't before?" Adams asks. "The girl I was seeing wasn't. There's nothing profound here," he says.

Taub scans the monitors. "No tumor, either. It's not her brain," he says. They pull her from the MRI chamber, and she tells them her arm is sore. "Paresthesia's gone," Adams said, as Taub pulls up the girl's sleeve. Her upper arm is black and blue with bruises.
"Could the bruising be caused by physical trauma?" Chase wonders, as he walks with House and Taub down the hall. But it's unlikely Iris could have injured herself in bed. A blood disorder? Vitamin K deficiency or scurvy? "Boys, do a home search," House says. "Girls, do lab tests."

As the team disperses, Foreman appears, and he's curious about where House's been. "Picking up dry cleaning, filling up the tank, violating the dead. You don't believe me, call the monitoring company." Foreman already did that. "Unfortunately, the Patuxent River Naval Air station was GPS testing and disrupted the signal, at the exact same 45 minutes you weren't here." "If I'd known I had 45 minutes of freedom, I'd have gone hang gliding," House tells him. "I admire the creativity," Foreman says, "but what happens when the stunt doesn't work? Think you're going to have to pay off a bet? Think I'm going to triple your clinic hours? I'm going to call your PO, and you're going to go back to jail."

"There's Mees' lines on his fingernails, so now I'm thinking heavy metal poisoning." House is still obsessing over the four-year-old's death in the cafeteria line with Wilson. "You're an addict," Wilson says. "And I'm an idiot for thinking that your addictions were limited to pills, anti-social behavior, and sarcasm. You're also addicted to puzzles. You show all the classic behaviors. Lying, neglecting responsibilities, and you can't stop, no matter devastating the consequences."

But working on a case is his job description, not a parole violation. "Your job description is doing what Foreman tells you to do," Wilson says.

"Before we get started, I just want to thank you all for agreeing to relocate." House has convened the anger management group in a coffee house. He immediately calls away Emory for a private moment. He leads Emory out the back... which leads almost directly to the house Emory shared with his ex-wife, where she now lives with her new family. "She finishes work at 4, picks up her new kid at 4:15. Gives us about 20 minutes." In the backyard, House spots a table. "Some kinds of pressure-treated wood can contain arsenic," he says, as he gets a sample.

"We shouldn't be here," Emory tells him. But this is the only way he's going to get his answer. "How'd he look?" Emory asks, near tears. House thinks for a second about how to answer. "Peaceful," he says.

"Vitamin K deficiency's a bust. Fridge has more spinach and broccoli than a farmer's market." Taub and Chase are searching Iris' home. And Taub thinks he's caught Chase out in a lie. He's had more than one Brazilian wax, and he knows they hurt more than just "a bit." "They hurt all your bits," Taub says. "It's my dark secret. What's yours?"

"I had the nails and eyebrows done, but that's it." Chase says. "I just needed to create a distraction. I met a TV producer at a dinner. She asked me to appear on a medical segment. Screen tests were yesterday and shot it today." Taub can't believe it. "You're a TV doctor? When's it air?" "Two hours ago," Chase says. "Otherwise, I'd still be lying."

Taub finds the Magic 8 ball toy Iris was opening when she had her attack. He shakes it up. "Will anyone believe Chase is an actual doctor?" He looks at the ball. "Don't count on it." Meanwhile, Chase finds something more interesting: a drawer with a false bottom. He pulls it out, and they find love letters from the boyfriend she claimed not to have and some extreme pornography, with sadomasochism and bestiality. "Sweet kid," Taub says.

House and Emory are inside the home now. House busies himself in the kitchen getting samples, and Emory nervously checks out the place. He steadies himself and takes a quick drink before opening the door to what used to be his son's room, but now just looks like someone's cluttered home office. He starts crying when he sees the marks on the door frame where they charted Drew's growth. When House finds him, he's sitting next to an opened box of Drew's things. "This is all that's left," he says. "One box in the bottom of a closet." House finds a set of plastic fake teeth that Drew used to wear. "Made in the People's Republic of Lead Paint." House notes, sticking it in his pocket. Just then they hear a motorcycle pull into the driveway. They hurry out the door and back to class.

"I met him at school. He was the only boy that liked me." Confronted with her lies, Iris confesses to her mom, Chase, and Taub. But she still claims she hasn't had sex. "Oh, come on, Iris! You're pregnant," her mom says. "So I'm just lying about everything?" Iris asks. "Well, you lied about the boyfriend, you obviously lied about sex, and this... garbage," her mom says, throwing the porn tapes down.

Iris says that they are her boyfriend's and she's just holding them. "What else don't I know?" her mom demands. Iris curls up into a ball. "He came here last night. He told me I should leave, but I didn't want to."
It was the boyfriend who gave her the bruises. Her mom wants to call the police, but Iris says she won’t tell them anything. Suddenly, her vision is getting dark. "It’s getting hard to see," she says. "What the hell is happening to me?"

"Rubbing alcohol, vinegar... not sure what this is." House has a set of chemical tests lined up on his coffee table, to test the plastic teeth. "Aren’t there actual medical tests?" Emory asks. "Dead patients usually get a lower standard of care," House says. But the tests are all negative. It looks like House was wrong about the heavy metal poisoning. Emory looks at the stuffed zebra he brought from the house. "He used to call him 'Deezer.' He couldn’t say zebra. Made up his own words for everything. We called them 'Drewisms,'" Emory says, taking another swig from the bottle he’s been carrying around. "How did your ex-wife do it?" House asks. "How come she’s not angry and miserable?" Emory shakes his head. "She treated it like it never happened. She never even cried. Not even at his funeral. I was a mess, and she just sat there like a statue." House is starting to put the pieces together.

"We have a problem." Wilson catches Foreman as he’s about to get on the elevator. Foreman sighs. "Does it limp?" Why does Foreman care if House works on another case? "Because next it’ll be three cases, then four. Then animal cases, and ghost cases. Then animal ghost cases. Assuming, of course, we are talking about House." Foreman thinks House will come around. He has a lot more to lose than Foreman does. "He’s not going to put himself back in jail over a dead kid." "He’s an addict," Wilson says. "And he will put himself back in jail over a puzzle."

"Halfway through the perimetry exam, her tunnel vision went away. She can see perfectly." Park delivers the news back in House’s outer office, but House and Taub are busy watching something on a laptop. Chase suggests TIA. "The word 'transient' is right there in the name." But it’s hard to concentrate when House and Taub are giggling over on the couch. Chase knows what’s about to happen.

House flips the screen around to show the team the "Doctor Down Under" TV segment, with Chase in full Crocodile Hunter gear, in an exaggerated Australian accent, giddily talking about celebrity plastic surgery. "So, you just wanted to look pretty on TV?" Park asks. "The question is: why did he want that?" House asks, as he checks his watch. "Clinic time." He wants the team to MRA for TIA. "I thought you only had clinic on Tuesdays," Adams says. "Oh, you’re right," House answers, as he continues out the door.

"Hi! I’m here for the free flu shot. I got a call saying..." The perky woman in exam room one greets House when he walks in. "And I’m here to find out why you didn’t care about your first kid." It’s Emory’s ex-wife, Mickey. "What do you know about my first kid?" she asks, confused. "Didn’t even squeeze out a single tear at the funeral," House says. "Where are you getting this?" she asks. "Couldn’t wait to squeeze out a brand-new replacement kid -"

But that’s enough for Mickey, and she slaps House. He sighs. "Damn it." Mickey tells him he had no right to say those things. "No. I deserved the slap," he says, "but I was hoping that you weren’t capable of it. Apathetic hyperthyroidism. Kidney involvement could be genetic. Definitely causes apathy. I was hoping that your lack of emotion was a symptom of something you could have passed on to your first son."

Mickey figures out that House knows Emory. "He wants to relive this. I don’t," she tells House. "Emory is a wonderful man. Never afraid to show his emotions. Which is great, most of the time. But when Drew died, it overwhelmed him. I vowed I wouldn’t let that happen to me."

"So that’s why you left him?" House asks. "I left because of his eyes," she says. "He had Drew’s eyes." "Who used to babysit Drew?" House asks. "My father," she says. "His place or yours?" he wants to know. Mickey is close to losing it. "There are two types of people. Those who can move on and those who can’t. My father keeps up a good front, but he’s just like Emory. You need to leave him alone." "So, he has two types of people inside of him..." House says, thinking.

"MRA was normal." House knows the results before Taub even gives them, breezing past the team to Iris’s bedside. "I found out where your boyfriend lives," he tells her. "When I paid him a visit, he took off, right in front of a car." She tells him he’s lying. "He’s down in the ER right now," House says. "Shut up you lying sack of crap!" she yells. "How do you know I’m lying? How do you know your boyfriend’s OK?" House asks. "’Cause I’m right here, you dick," she says.

"Iris has dissociative identity disorder, also known as multiple personality disorder." Chase and Taub are explaining Iris’ condition to Iris and her mother. "It’s the mind’s response to a severe trauma. When a person experiences something that’s too difficult to accept, it will create alternate personalities that don’t have to accept it." The doctors think it could have started with
the car accident that killed her father.

"I was two," Iris says. "I don't remember anything. These personalities that I'm supposed to have, where are they?" Taub explains that they only come out when she's afraid or anxious, which is why House told her her boyfriend was hurt. "But if there's no boyfriend, where did the bruises come from? The pregnancy?" her mom asks. They think she must have hit herself. "And the pregnancy," Taub says, "doesn't take a boyfriend, just a boy. You may not be aware of half the things you've done." The diazepam was masking it, and when they took her off, it was more apparent.

"We need you to help us with something," Chase says. "Different alters can have different apparent symptoms. Allergies, paraesthesia, vision loss, changes in blood pressure..." Some of her symptoms are physiological, and some are psychological. "So there's something wrong with her, in addition to the multiple personalities?" "Yes," Chase says. "But we won't know what until we access her alters, and compare their symptoms." They'll put her under hypnosis.

"Foreman's not going to back down." Wilson is in House's office trying to convince him that Foreman can be as stubborn as he is. "Eventually, you'll screw something up. Which will be bad news for both of you, but only one of you will be in prison." Instead of skipping out again, House decides to stay and try to come up with an answer in his office. He thinks he's got something, but it means another off-campus trip.

"Yes, sir. Yes, I know I told you that I had a chiropractor's appointment, but I got a flat. So don't send out the Marines. I should be on the road in a few minutes." House hangs up with his PO as walks to the front door of a small house and rings the bell. An older man answers. "Dr. James Wilson, County Coroner," he identifies himself. "I'd like to ask you about your grandson, Drew." Mickey's father invites him in and makes tea for them. "What did he do when he was here? Where did he play? What did he eat?" House asks. Mainly TV and biscuits. No sidewalk chalk, no finger paints, no sand box. House can hear the front door opening. "Are you expecting someone?" he asks. "What do you mean?" the man asks. Just then Mickey and her new husband rush in. "Dr. Wilson, my ass!" Mickey's father yells. "I told you to leave him alone, you son of a bitch!" Mickey screams at House. Her husband pulls back and punches House to the ground.

"Who am I talking to now?" With the lights turned low, Chase has Iris under hypnosis, with her mother and the rest of the team in the room. A small child's voice answers: "Nobody." "You must be somebody," Chase says. Iris, as the child, says she's too little and nobody sees her. "Nobody knows I'm here." Her blood pressure spikes. "What is it?" Chase asks. "My arms," she says, nervously. "Can't feel them?" Chase asks. "It's OK, we can fix that. Do you hurt anywhere else?" She says she doesn't now, but sometimes she does when she eats strawberries. "And when I remember," "You remember being hurt?" Chase asks. "I remember everything," she says. She pictures the broken glass and blood from the car accident, her father saying, "It's going to be OK," before dying right in front of her.

"Iris, why didn't you ever tell me?" her mom asks. Iris says that the accident was her fault. "I was crying, and he couldn't drive," Iris, now awake, says, in tears. "No, no, honey. You were just a baby. It wasn't your fault," her mom tells her. Suddenly the team notices blood on Iris' sheets. They pull back the covers and see Iris' whole pelvic area is soaked in blood.

"It wasn't a miscarriage. Tests show she's still pregnant." The team is going over the symptoms of Iris, the little girl and the boyfriend on House's whiteboard. "OK, cross out everything that doesn't appear in every alter," Chase says. "When she opened her Magic 8 ball, it triggered her switch to a personality with a strawberry allergy," Taub says. They're left with pregnancy, vaginal bleeding, and elevated blood pressure. It could be preeclampsia or an ectopic pregnancy. They need to do an ultrasound.

"I'm not seeing an embryo in the fallopian tube." Adams is looking at the monitor while Chase performs the ultrasound. "I'm not seeing an embryo anywhere," he says.

"Which idiot did the pregnancy test?" House wants to know. Adams did one, Chase did one, and Taub did one. Three separate tests came back positive. And what happened to his eye? "I grabbed Park's ass," he says. "Exoplanets. We can't actually see them, but we infer their existence because of the effect they have on the stars they orbit." Chase gets it: "A pregnancy test only infers an embryo's existence because of elevated hCG levels." "Which could also be caused by choriocarcinoma, which affects the placenta, mimics pregnancy, and causes elevated BP and vaginal bleeding," Adams says. Specifically, occult choriocarcinoma. Iris has cancer.

"Mom or dad?" Wilson sees House's black eye when he walks in the doctors' lounge and figures
out what he’s been up to. “Mom, dad, and mom’s dad,” House says. “The good news is it made me realize that you were right. I can’t drop it. But now that I accept that, I feel much less conflicted.” Which isn’t exactly what Wilson was hoping for. “Two trains are about to collide, and I’m trying to talk them out it.”

But House is busy going over Drew’s case to himself. “I feel like I’m missing something.” Wilson doesn’t want to hear it. “If you don’t want to listen to me, then I don’t want to listen to you,” he tells House. “That is so fifth grade,” House says. Wilson agrees. “And you know why? Because I’m just as bad as you. I knew this would fall on deaf ears, but I just kept talking and talking and talking.” House doesn’t appear to be entirely listening... but he does tell Wilson that he’s right, just before getting up to leave.

Mickey is cleaning when she sees her son playing in the front yard ... with House. “RAY! RAY!” she screams for her husband as she races out to get her son away from House. “Leave him alone! What are you doing to him!” Emory is with him. “I asked him to meet me here for a family reunion,” House says. “I know what killed your son.” “You don’t get it, do you? I don’t care what killed him!” Mickey says. “It’s called Alport Syndrome,” House tells her. “It’s a genetic condition characterized by kidney failure, bronchial myomas, Mees’ lines, and deafness.” “Drew wasn’t deaf,” she tells him, as her husband runs out to attack House.

“Genetic! Your father has the gene. So do you. It was grandpa’s slight deafness that gave the game away. You’re apparently asymptomatic. You still pass the gene on to your children. Plural.”

“Mickey is crying. “I miss him, too,” she tells Emory. House walks over to the cop car and gets in the back seat.

Adams tells Iris’ mom, as Iris sleeps peacefully. “Cuddy threatened him with clinic duty. I thought threatening him with jail would be different.” Foreman is pacing in his office, talking to Wilson, while House waits outside. Foreman wants to send House back to prison. “He saved two lives!” Wilson argues. “Which means it’s too late for me to back down,” Foreman says. “It’s no longer my choice. It’s just me telling him he can get away with anything. I have to send him to prison.” “Your job is to keep this machine running,” Wilson says. “It’s your choice to make House a useful tool or a monkey wrench. Cuddy’s way didn’t fail, because she didn’t try to control House, she managed him. She knew better than anybody what a tool he could be.”

Perils of Paranoia

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Summary: The team takes on the case of a prosecutor who they initially believe is suffering from hyper-anxiety, but soon discover has paranoid delusions. Meanwhile, Chase and Taub take an interest in Foreman’s social life, Park starts to get into the swing of things when House preys on her paranoia, and Wilson becomes obsessed with learning if House has a gun.

"Did you and the defendant spend the evening of October 8th watching the Devils game on TV, or did you just read about the game in The Chronicle while concocting this false alibi?"

The confident prosecutor, Tommy, knows that he has the defense witness on the ropes. All he needs to do now is watch the man squirm and try to answer the question that will surely win Tommy the case. But instead he approaches the bench.

"I'm going to need a continuance," he tells the judge. The judge can't believe it. "You're one answer away from destroying their whole defense," he says. "Let's finish this up." But Tommy starts hyperventilating. "I think I'm having a heart attack," he says, clutching his chest and falling to the floor.

"He thinks he had a heart attack, but didn't. His EKG, cardiac enzymes and catheterization were all normal." Foreman is in his office, describing Tommy’s case to House, who’s sure that Tommy merely had an anxiety attack. "Probably because he just turned forty and still goes by the name ‘Tommy.’"

Even though Tommy’s wife told the ER doctors that Tommy’s been feeling fine, Foreman admitted him and treated with alprazolam, an anxiety medication. "No improvements," Foreman says. "For some patients, the diagnosis of anxiety disorder can actually increase anxiety. Which is also why I told him he had a minor respiratory infection that was easily curable by medication." House is astonished. "You lied?" "I ruled out heart attack and anxiety disorder," Foreman corrects him. House is clearly impressed with Foreman’s wiliness.
"Shingles could cause chest pain before a rash appeared," Park says, offering the first option as the team begins Tommy's DDx in House's outer office. But if it was shingles, the pain would be restricted to one dermatome. Asthma-induced pneumothorax? Tommy doesn't have a history of asthma.

"I treated an inmate once with similar symptoms after he tried to poison his cellmate with chlorine gas," Adams says. "He didn't realize sharing a cell also meant sharing the air?" Taub asks. "Chlorine gas pools near the ground. He thought he'd be safe in the top bunk," she says. But why would someone want to poison Tommy? "He makes a living sending people to prison," Taub notes. "He's not in prison," Chase says. "And it's kind of hard to gas a guy unless you can seal him in a room first."

House seems to think poison might be the right idea, though. "Alkalinize his urine. Go search his home, talk to his wife. See if you can get her to tell us what she used." Adams is confused. "Why would you think his wife poisoned him?" "Because dangerous people don't break into your home. They live in it," House answers. "And although his kids are old enough to want daddy dead, they're still too young to do anything about it."

House orders Adams to search the house, and Chase to talk to Tommy and his wife. What about Park and Taub? House tells Adams and Chase if they need help, they can take whomever they want. "I'll take Taub," Adams and Chase say, simultaneously. "Interesting," House says. "No, it's not," Adams argues. "It was a 50/50 choice. I'm totally fine with Taub or Park." "Cool, I'll take Taub," Chase says, getting up to leave. "And I'll take Park," Adams says, clearly less than pleased.

"You need a girlfriend." Taub and Chase have cornered Foreman in the elevator about his handling of Tommy's case. "To keep me from lying to patients?" Foreman asks. "To give you the excitement you need so you don't go looking for it," Taub says. "You're not working for House anymore, which means you no longer have him to blame if you get caught." Foreman claims that he's just doing his job, but Taub warns him he's going down a dangerous road. "And that's from a guy with one alimony and two child support payments."

"This new curve-control thing, it automatically slows the car when it senses I'm taking a curve too fast." Adams is making small-talk while driving herself and Park to Tommy's house, but Park thinks it's just to avoid talking about why Adams didn't want to work with her. "There's nothing to talk about," Adams says. "House liked poking ant hills with a stick when he was a kid. Now he's trying to do the same thing with us."

"I don't see how that's possible. Tommy's the most popular guy in his office," says Tommy's wife, Olivia, telling Taub that there's no way Tommy could have been poisoned. "He's even had defendants thank him after they were sentenced," she says. "And even if someone wanted to poison him, I don't see how they would do it. He never eats or drinks anything that we haven't made at home." Tommy's obviously scared of something, then, Taub concludes.

"My first job out of law school was at the Health Department. If you'd have seen some of the kitchens at the processing plants I have, you'd cook all your own food, too." Tommy is explaining his extreme eating habits to Chase. "The poison wouldn't have to be in food. Have you gotten any strange letters or packages recently?" Chase asks. No, Tommy says. Chase asks about his home. "We've got two young kids. There's definitely no poisons I could have accidentally been exposed to," Tommy tells him. But what if it wasn't accidental? "How are things between you and your wife?" Chase asks. Tommy just laughs. "Absolutely not. This is coming from a man whose eyes are wide open. I've prosecuted hundreds of despicable acts by husbands, wives, parents. I can assure you..."

"...I love my husband." Olivia is protesting her innocence outside Tommy's room to Taub. "And I would not ever, even for a second, consider doing anything to hurt him."

"No pesticides, fertilizer, or fuel in the garage," Adams says, reconvening with Park, who's checked the main house. "There's not even a bottle of Wite-Out in this place," Park says. They're just about to leave, when Park notices something strange. "The dining room's on the other side of that wall," she says, pointing to a large bookcase in a study. But it ends like three feet further over. "She takes a magnet from the refrigerator that Tommy and his wife use to open child-proof cabinets and starts placing it over various parts of the bookcase, until she finds the lock. The two pull back the bookcase to find another locked door, inside of which is a massive stash of weapons.

"That's impossible. You must have broken into the wrong house." Olivia can't believe what
Park and Adams are telling her about the hidden bunker. But it was definitely her house. She turns to Tommy. "I had it put in during the remodel last year," he tells her. It wasn’t in the plans they looked at together. "I didn’t want the city to know about it," Tommy says. "I’m sorry. I should have told you. I just didn’t want you and the kids to worry." But why does he think he needs so many guns?

"You’re not going to believe this." Adams and Park find House at a nurse’s station in the clinic. "Imperio absenti chaos regit," House says, while cherry-picking only the best-looking female patients to see. "He’s worried that ‘too big to fail’ applies to our banks but not our government." But how did he know? "Because that’s what every idiot with a bunker full of assault rifles is scared of."

Chase wonders if Tommy’s paranoia is actually a symptom, maybe of cocaine abuse. "This isn’t necessarily paranoia," Park says. "Societies do fall apart. Look what happened with London and the riots." "There’s a difference between an isolated riot and the fall of civilization," Chase says.

"Imagine what would happen if there was a terrorist attack on the food supply or a pandemic where we had to ration the antibiotics," Park says. "That’s ridiculous," Adams tells her, which gives House to perfect opportunity to needle the two of them.

"Oh shut up," she says to House. "We know what you’re trying to do and it’s not going to work." But Park says it was a little harsh. "I think you’re a good person and a fine doctor, but it’s ridiculous to think anyone needs an arsenal of assault weapons," Adams says. "He’s obviously paranoid. What about Farr’s Disease?"

Park says that Tommy isn’t hallucinating. "As far as we know," Adams says. "We should do a mental status examination and get a CT of his basal ganglia." Park disagrees. "If it’s not poison, it’s most likely atrial fibrillation brought on by hyperthyroidism or sleep apnea."

"There’s only one way to settle this," House says. "Actually, there’s two, but we don’t have enough JELL-O for the first. Mini-mental, CT, and get a hair sample to check for past cocaine use. Check his TSH levels, and get a sleep study." He says to make it a fair fight, Taub will be "stuck" with Park. "He’s not stuck with me!" Park protests. "And it’s not a fight," Adams tells House.

"So what do you think? Is the patient paranoid, or am I?" Park and Taub are in the lab. "I don’t think stockpiling weapons is the most reasoned response, but given what I’ve seen at Bloomingdale’s on Black Friday, I wouldn’t say it rises to the level of mental illness," he tells her.

Park feels like it’s not just House, but the whole team who doesn’t respect her, especially Chase, who doesn’t even hide it. Taub tells her that’s only because Chase hasn’t known her as long as he’s known him. "And I’m not just saying that because you own a gun," he says. She doesn’t though. She says that she’s thought about it, but worried she’d probably end up shooting an annoying family member. "What about you?" she asks him. "If anarchy breaks out, I plan to do what my ancestors have done throughout the ages: run," he says.

Just then Foreman walks in for a word outside with Taub. "Stop telling the nurses I’m looking for a girlfriend!" Apparently, he’s already had two lunch offers and a box of cupcakes since the morning. "So, a few people are nice to you, and your first thought is, ‘Hmm, this seems strange,’" Taub says. He denies it, but admits to Park that he did it for Foreman’s own good.


"It’s not cocaine. Hair samples were clean." Chase finds Adams looking at Tommy’s CT scans. "It’s not looking good for Farr’s either," she says. "I’m not seeing any calcifications." She wants to know why he didn’t want to take Park with him this morning. "She’s weird," he says. "She’s not weird," Adams says. "She’s a good doctor." "Lots of good doctors are weird," he says. "Look at House."

Chase asks if she owns a gun, and guesses correctly that she does, but for fun, not protection. "Work in a prison, you learn criminals rarely target strangers. And you’ve got more money than..."
you know what to do with. So, anything that seems different and fun is worth trying," he tells her he's got a few guns himself, back in Australia, for "hunting roos." She can't believe he hunts kangaroos. "They're so cute," she says. "They're also delicious," he tells her. "You're screwing with me," she realizes. "Totally," he says.

"You don't have to stay. We won't have the results until the morning." Park has set up Tommy in the sleep lab, and Olivia wants to stay with him, but Tommy thinks she should go home and be with the kids. She doesn't understand why he wanted kids if he thinks it's the end of the world. "Look, you have a spare tire in your car, right?" Tommy says. "That's what those guns are. I mean, I hope to God I never have to use one." As he's explaining how his guns are like a "jack in the trunk," Park notices blood on his sheets. "What's that from?" she asks. She pulls back the sheet to reveal a small, bloody wound on his leg. He can't feel it.

"He also spiked a fever overnight." The team assembles the next morning to talk over the new developments in Tommy's case. "Systemic sclerosis can cause lower extremity ulcers," Taub says. Park says it would have to be pretty far along, considering his first symptom was just a few days ago. "His paranoia started at least a year ago," Adams says. "If he's paranoid," Park counters. "We should biopsy the skin lesion, and start him on enoxaparin." "Shouldn't we wait for the biopsy results before we start treatment?" Park asks.

House turns to Adams: "Now's your chance. She's leading with her chin." But Adams says that she agrees with Park, prompting House to call them both idiots. After the rest of the team leaves, Park asks House if he's messing with her to amuse himself or to try to manipulate her to make her useful. "Why do you care?" he asks. "I deserve respect. I'm a good doctor," Park says. "People respect you," he says. "They just don't like you."

"How's your wife?" Chase asks Tommy, as he and Taub are performing a biopsy of his leg. Tommy says that she just needed some time. "It's not the guns. I shouldn't have lied about it," he says. "I'm not a nutcase. I just want to do everything I can to protect my family."

"At first I thought it might be frostbite, but I haven't really been out in the cold." A long-haired young man is showing House the blue-dotted fingers of his hands. "Looks absolutely nothing like frostbite," House says. He says the man needs to take a long vacation, at least a month. "Wait, is this like a bucket list thing? It's cancer," the man concludes, crestfallen. "It's silver," House says. "I'm guessing silver nitrate mixed with petroleum jelly that your boss put on the petty cash, so he'd know who to have arrested for stealing it." Suddenly the man gets it. "Damn!" "It's diffused into your skin, and the only way to get rid of it is to get new skin. That normally happens every thirty days," House says, smiling as he checks out a page he just received.

"Got your page." House walks into his apartment and sees Wilson - caught in a net, suspended about five feet off the floor. "You're an ass," he tells House. House won't let him down until he admits he's been bested. "All right I admit it! Despite the fact that I know there's a gun in here, I'd never find it because you are more devious..." "Clever," House inserts. "Devious," Wilson insists. "Devious," House says, as he checks out a page he just received.

Foreman is hitting a punching bag angrily at the gym when he gets a page. As he's getting ready to leave, a beautiful woman approaches. "You're either preparing to fight Pacquiao or you're having a bad day," she says. She introduces herself as Anita. "Nice to meet you," Foreman says. "You can tell Taub that he's going to get the same treatment as this heavy bag if he doesn't cut this crap out." Anita looks confused. "Who's Taub?" Foreman says he's sure she's a nice person who doesn't realize what she's been sucked into. "But really, I'm not interested," he tells her. "OK. And I'm sure you're a nice person. But I just moved from Atlanta. It's my first time at this gym. So, definitely don't know who this Taub guy is. But I already agree: he's a jerk," Anita says, laughing. "Are you sure you don't want to start over?" Foreman doesn't say anything. "Take your time," she tells him. "I'll be around." When she leaves, Foreman calls Taub. "Can't talk now, I'm a little busy," he says. Tommy is having a freak-out in his room, throwing a stool through the window and screaming, as Taub and Chase try to control him.

"He was hallucinating he was being attacked by bears." Later, Tommy is in restraints in his bed, and the team watches him from the hallway. Adams and Park agree that it's paranoia but disagree on when it started. Park thinks that it's new, which points to tularemia, while Adams thinks it's chronic, which points to GAD autoimmunity. Chase has another theory: "This could all be psychiatric. An untreated schizoid disorder he's finally lost the ability to suppress." But schizophrenia doesn't cause skin ulcers or fevers. "No, but digging delusions out of your skin
with dirty fingernails could cause both," Chase says.

Park is convinced that Tommy isn’t a psych case, but has an infection that spread to his brain. She wants to treat with broad-spectrum antibiotics. "Which will kill him if it’s a GAD autoimmunity," Adams says. It’s up to House. "Treat for GAD. Corticosteroids and IV immunoglobulin." Park follows House down the hall after he leaves. "I’m not paranoid and they don’t dislike me. They don’t even really know me."

House walks into his apartment and notices a trip wire between the living room and the kitchen. He stands back and yanks on it with his cane. He’s safely out of the way when a net shoots past him. Wilson jumps out of the closet. "Gotcha!" House just looks at him. "You poor, dumb bastard." He sends Wilson on his way, confident that he’s the more clever of the two of them. He walks into his bathroom, and the knob comes off in his hand. He’s trapped. He looks through the hole in the door where the knob used to be and sees Wilson on the other side of the door. "TouchÀ©," House says.

Foreman and Anita are continuing a date in Anita’s apartment. As they’re kissing, they hear someone call for Anita from the other room. "Oh my God, you have to go," she tells Foreman. "Do you have a boyfriend?" he asks. It’s not her boyfriend. It’s her husband.

"His fever’s going through the roof, which means we were wrong about GAD, and the steroids kicked the infection into high gear." Park is explaining Tommy’s condition over the phone to House, who’s still locked in the bathroom. "Or it is GAD and we started treatment too late," Adams says. House orders them to increase the steroid dose. But if it’s an infection, that would kill him.

"With neurological symptoms progressing this fast, he’s dead either way," House says. "If we increase the steroids, then either death comes slower, which means we were too late for the GAD, or death comes faster, which means we were too stupid with the infection."

"We were already stupid with infection, but it’s not too late," Park says. "He’s young, and was perfectly healthy two days ago. He can fight this off if we give him a chance." House thinks for a minute. "Fine," he says. "Then this shotgun is not going to work. We need a sniper rifle. Start running DNA assays for sporotrichosis, meningococcemia, and any other Boggle-winning words you can think of."

Wilson opens the bathroom door. "Well, you don’t have a gun. But you do have my sunglasses, my tennis racket - I can’t imagine why..." "Had to kill a mouse," House says. "It was really hard with those stupid little sunglasses." "...and my money clip." Wilson finishes. "Was there any money in it?" House asks. "Not anymore," Wilson says. He tells Wilson to lock up on his way out.

"This is ridiculous. Every moment we waste looking for a phantom infection is time we could be treating him." The team is in the lab, and Adams and Park are still arguing over Tommy’s diagnosis. Foreman comes in and asks to speak with Taub. "You’re an ass," he tells Taub. He blames Taub for putting the idea in his head to date, which lead to his close call with Anita’s husband. "So, you don’t date anyone unless I put the idea in your head? You really do need psychiatric help," Taub says. "Unlike you, I don’t need drama," Foreman says. "I like my job, and I’m happy with my life." "You’re so happy with your life you’ve got nothing better to do at midnight than to come back into work to yell at me?" Taub asks. "Stay out of my business," Foreman says, and walks away. Chase walks over. "Good for him," Taub says. "A married one’s not a keeper, but it’s a start." "You’re an idiot," Chase says, as suddenly both of their pagers go off.

Tommy is gasping for breath when Chase and Taub get in. "Get me a trach kit," Chase says. He carves into Tommy’s neck, but it’s not working. "There’s no breath sounds," he says. Taub thinks he’s blocked before the incision point. "We need racemic epinephrine." The nurse says they tried that already. "We’re going to try it again if it’s our only choice," Taub says.

"We got him breathing, but barely." The team meets House the next morning outside of Tommy’s room. "At least we know tracheal edema isn’t from anything we did, because we’re not doing anything," Adams says, pointedly. "Which is a good thing, because neither GAD nor systemic infection would cause anaphylaxis or tracheal edema," Taub says. "And an allergic reaction wouldn’t get worse three days after he was admitted," Park concludes. So they’ve got nothing. "Unless he was still being poisoned," House says. But his wife wasn’t even around when Tommy was hallucinating. "What about squamous cell carcinoma?" Park asks. "If it’s only in his epithelium, it wouldn’t show up in his chest x-ray." And it might cause hallucinations if he also had paraneoplastic syndrome. "Get a biopsy," House says.
"Admit it." House comes back to his office and finds Wilson, who holds up a hand gun. 
"Two hours ago, I found this in your closet, in a box with your name on it. I knew you'd move it somewhere outside your apartment until you were certain I'd given up looking, so I had to convince you that I'd given up looking," Wilson is awfully pleased with himself. 

"That's not a gun," House says. Wilson just laughs. "Yes, it's a paperweight, with a handy storage compartment for .45 caliber bullets," he says, holding up a bullet. "And that's not a bullet," House says. "Admit it," Wilson says. "I'm more clever and more devious. You can even have it back. It's not my problem if you go back to prison. My problem is you thinking you're always one step ahead of me."

"This proves nothing, because it's not a gun," House insists. "It's a prop, from Dorothy Di- 

"You were wrong. Don't feel too bad, we all were." House finds Chase and Park in Tommy's 

"How are you feeling?" Park is checking on Tommy. "Not great, but better," he says, as Olivia 

"Hey." Park steps into the elevator at the end of the day, with Adams and Chase. "Would you like to get a drink sometime after work?" Park says, looking at Chase. He seems confused. "You mean, all of us, or just us?" Chase asks. "I was thinking just the two of us," she says. "Did Taub put you up to this?" he asks. "No, it was just something I'd been thinking about and I figured what the heck, might as well ask," she says. Chase looks like he doesn't quite know what to say. "Well, it's probably not a good idea, you know. With us working together." "Didn't you marry someone you used to work with?" Park asks. "Yeah, but it... all right, sure," he finally says. "When?" "Tonight?" she asks. "Sure," he says.

Foreman is sitting in his office working. He sits back and heaves a sigh, grabbing his cell phone. He dials the phone and says, "Hey, changed my mind."

House is in his apartment, reaching up onto a closet shelf to put the prop gun back into a small box with a label on it that reads "House." Next to it is a thin, sheathed sword with a white
hilt. He pulls the sword out enough to read the inscription: "John House," House's father.

Foreman is sitting at a bar nursing a drink. "Glad you changed your mind," a woman says. Foreman smiles. It's Anita.
Andres Tavares is confused. He knows that he’s with his wife, Natalie, but he doesn’t know where or why. "We’re in the car, honey. We’re going to the hospital for some tests,” she reassures him. He gives her a half-smile. But by the time they arrive at Princeton-Plainsboro, Andres is lost again. Natalie patiently leads him to the doctor’s office.

Dr. Shriya Banerjee holds up a can opener and looks at Andres. “Can you tell me what this is called?” she asks him. “You use it to get food from inside,” Andres says. He knows that much, but he can’t think of the name. “Is it a spatula?” Dr. Banerjee asks. He knows it isn’t. “Good,” she says. “Is it a can opener?” “No,” Andres says right away, as Natalie looks down. “It’s um... it’s um...”

Andres is suddenly full of rage. “You’re trying to make me look stupid!” he accuses the doctor. “You can go to hell! Why don’t you kill yourself!” Natalie strokes his arm and calms him down. “You just need to answer a few more questions. Then we’re going home and we’ll have lunch, OK?” she asks.

Andres smiles and nods. “I’m sorry,” he says to Dr. Banerjee. “I have Alzheimer’s.” Natalie tells her the mood swings come on quickly. “But it’s under control,” she says, holding Andres hand. “Don’t worry,” Dr. Banerjee says. “He’s actually perfect for the drug trial.” Andres and Natalie look relieved. But just as the doctor is telling them that Andres can start the trial as early as next week, Andres begins violently coughing and vomiting blood.

"Early onset familial Alzheimer’s. Brazilian descent. Blood chemistry showed high ammonia." Foreman is leading Andres’ DDx with the team as House walks in. "Vomiting stopped after the ER put him on anti-emetics." No recent health issues, apart from a sore throat a few weeks ago. Foreman tells them Natalie shut down her floral company to stay home and feed Andres every meal for the past four years.
"We owe this case to your guilt at having ignored your own forgetful mommy?" House asks Foreman. "My guilt over my mom is why I put up with my dad," Foreman tells him. "You're taking this case because we're running a Phase 2 trial on an Alzheimer's drug."

Since Taub is absent with a sick kid, Foreman wants to sit in - except that House denied Taub's request for a personal day. "After I'd already approved it," Foreman says. "Which you knew because I sent you a memo."

House is prepared for the power struggle. He tells Adams to reach under the table for an index card he's taped there and read it aloud. "Wednesday, 2:43 p.m. A black pawn will believe he's the black king and attempt to capture the white... Head of Diagnostics." House takes a bow. Never mind that it's 10:15 a.m. on Friday.

"The point is I saw this coming," House tells them. "Dr. Foreman and I did not always see eye-to-eye, but he never had the power to overrule me. Now that he has the power, he won't be able to resist the temptation to use it. With great power comes great micromanaging. And great vests."

Foreman concedes that House is the better diagnostician and vows not to interfere. "Could be transient nitrogen load from a GI bleed," Park suggests. But they'd have to know if the vomiting is persistent, so House wants to take Andres off the anti-emetics to find out.

"Wait," Foreman says. "He's puking his guts out. We'd risk aspiration." Hmm, so much for not interfering. Foreman smiles. "I'm just disagreeing, not overruling." They'll take him off the anti-emetics and do an upper endoscopy to check for bleeds.

Meanwhile, Wilson is examining a pretty young woman in the clinic. "It could be a bladder infection," he says. "We'll run a pregnancy test." She insists that there's no way she could be pregnant. "Any type of birth control can fail," he tells her. But she isn't having sex at all with her husband. And she never has. "We kiss, and cuddle. But neither one of us is interested in sex," the woman says. She says she's not celibate. "Celibacy is a choice. This is our orientation. We're asexual," she tells Wilson, who's puzzled as to what box exactly he should check on the patient form.

Chase thinks that Foreman is wasting his opportunity to mess with House. "If I had the power to veto him, after all the crap I've put up with over the years, I don't know if I could use it objectively." But Foreman's been down that road before, though he did think it might be a little different this particular week. "I'm supposed to talk to his PO about getting his ankle monitor off early." House's behavior doesn't seem rational. "Which makes me think it's rational in a way I'm not privy to," Foreman says. "He always has a plan." He's also self-destructive, Chase points out. "He may just be shooting himself in the ankle."

"I know it seems strange. Dr. Chase is just looking in your throat. We're in the hospital." Natalie helps Andres adjust to being in his hospital room, with a tube down his throat. They've set up a small whiteboard with the names and pictures of the team to help him out, and Natalie has brought pictures from home, and a big trophy that Chase notices. "He coached youth soccer," Natalie says. "Took a team that was 0-6 all the way to the state finals at Long Branch." Parks tells Natalie she takes very good care of Andres. "I love him. Sickness and health, right?"

The upper esophagus is clear, so Chase moves to the gastroesophageal junction. A man enters the room and is greeted by Natalie, but Park tells him only family members are allowed in. Natalie asks if he can stay. "Joseph helps me with my husband sometimes. He's a good friend." Park is adamant, so Chase tells Natalie to show Joseph where the visitors' lounge is while he finishes the endoscopy. He spots a Mallory-Weiss tear on the monitor.

"Did you know that close to one percent of the population identifies as asexual?" Wilson is reading up on his clinic patient's condition in the cafeteria with House. According to the article, asexuality is a valid sexual orientation. "Yeah, I think I read that, too. Is that Fugliness Weekly?" House asks. But she's perfectly fine-looking and has been married for ten years. "To a guy who loves penis enough for both of them," House guesses.

Wilson explains that the husband is asexual, too. And after a complete physical of the wife, he turned up nothing but a common bladder infection. "$100 bucks says I can find a medical reason why she doesn't want to have sex," House bets. Wilson is smart enough not to let House anywhere near his patient. But all House needs is the file and any blood samples. "No contact whatsoever," Wilson says. "You talk to her, the bet is void."

Foreman hunches over the desk in his office with a calculator when House and the team come in with the endoscopy results. The tear below the esophagus explains the bleeding, but not
why Andres was vomiting so violently he ripped the hole in the first place. "His liver enzymes were slightly elevated," Adams says. She thinks maybe it’s gallstones, but there haven’t been any complaints of pain. "Steatohepatitis would make his AST and ALT levels rise," Foreman says. House orders statins for Andres and a biopsy to confirm. "And knock him out. I’ve heard he’s a wiggler," House says.

"There’s no need to put him under," Foreman objects. "We can confirm fatty liver with an ultrasound." House gives him a look. "Just making an observation," Foreman says. "Well done," House tells him. "Now, as a member of my team, you can make the equally useful observations that the sky is blue, I’m wearing pants... and I’m ignoring your first observation." Foreman thinks that House is just trying to mess with his confidence. "If I wanted to do that, I’d tell you how much the nurses hate you." House says. "Do the ultrasound," Foreman orders him.

"You don’t think I knew House was going to tell you to ignore me and not do the ultrasound?" Foreman stops Chase and Adams in the hallway outside Andres’ room. But they’re pushing an ultrasound machine. "Which you’re going to use to do an ultrasound-guided biopsy. Probably got a kit stashed here," Foreman says, rummaging around the machine. Instead he finds another index card from House, which Adams reads: "Cuddy Dark will waste his afternoon chasing conspiracy theories." House is really getting inside Foreman’s head.

Suddenly, Natalie walks in; Andres is vomiting again. Chase tells her that’s why they stopped the anti-emetics, to see if the vomiting was a symptom or not. As she brings a bowl over to Andres to vomit into, he pushes her hand away. "Get your hands off me!" he yells. Natalie tries to comfort him, but he lunges at her and punches her so hard that she’s knocked back. When Foreman and Chase rush over to subdue Andres, they see blood on the front of his gown. It’s from his urine.

"We resumed the anti-emetics and increased the sedation. He really went after her." Adams fills House in on Andres’ outburst. Was it because he found out about her “good friend,” Joseph? Chase thinks it’s just paranoid rage, a typical Alzheimer’s symptom. House doesn’t even think it could be considered infidelity for Natalie to sleep with Joseph. After all, she’s not really married. "If marriage is feeding and cleaning someone, limiting conversation to repeating a few simple commands, then I was married to my pet rat, and a lot of people owe me wedding gifts," House says.

The two divorced team members, Adams and Chase, have opposing views: Adams thinks that you have to take the good with the bad, while Chase says Alzheimer’s is different, since Natalie doesn’t really have her husband anymore. Meanwhile, Foreman’s caught up with them. He says he was right about Andres: if they’d left him on the anti-emetics, he wouldn’t have flown into a rage and punched Natalie. But House reminds him if they’d done the biopsy like he wanted, Andres would have been anesthetized, and unable to punch Natalie, plus they were able to learn more about his condition.

"Unless one of your index cards actually predicted the guy was going to punch his wife, everything you’re saying is post hoc rationalization," Foreman says. So, House asks Park to reach under her chair for an index card that reads: "The patient will punch his wife." Foreman is sure House wrote that after it happened, so House produces yet another card predicting Foreman’s accusation.

Trying to get back to the case, Foreman thinks that rhabdomyolysis fits the vomiting, pigmenturia and the renal failure. "No muscle symptoms, and the urine had no myoglobin," Adams counters, suggesting TTP instead. House orders plasmapheresis to replace the damaged red blood cells clogging Andres’ kidneys.

"How’s the eye feeling?" Chase is talking to Natalie and Joseph outside Andres’ room. She says she’s OK but thinks maybe Joseph should leave. Chase tries to look away when Joseph kisses her goodbye. "We’re not having an affair," she tells Chase, breaking down. "I mean, not really. Because nothing’s happened. We’ve talked about it a lot, and it’s just really hard doing this by myself." Chase tells her to take the night off and go home for a good night’s sleep.

"Why doesn’t Chase have to be here?" House has Park and Adams in the lab working on Wilson’s case. "You think he knows anything about women who don’t want to have sex?" House asks her. Why does it matter if the woman doesn’t want to have sex? House argues that sex is the fundamental drive of our species.

"I suppose it could be psychological intimacy issues caused by childhood abuse," Adams says. She argues that the woman’s life is probably better off without sex. "It eliminates most of her insecurities, she’s immune to most advertising and can have honest relationships with
men. He should just accept that she doesn’t want to have sex, and there’s nothing wrong with her. “Lots of people don’t have sex. The only people who don’t want it are either sick, dead, or lying,” House says. But he has an idea...

The next morning, Andres is nowhere to be found. “Police have been notified. I have staff searching,” Foreman tells them all in Andres’ room. Natalie is furious at Chase. “You told me it was OK to leave! He has Alzheimer’s! It’s freezing outside, and he’s sick. I mean, you don’t even know what it is yet, do you?”

But when she tries to leave to go find him, House stops her. He thinks that she just feels guilty because she wasn’t here for him - she was having sex with Joseph. “Personally, I applaud your decision to step down off your cross and get on with your life, but your misplaced guilt is shutting down your brain. We need you to sit, focus, and answer our questions.”

They try to work out how Andres might react if he woke up on a Saturday morning at home. Natalie mentions soccer practice, and Chase notices that the soccer trophy is gone. The practice field is close, so Chase and Adams go to look for him with EMTs. They find him passed out in the snow, nearly frozen.

“He has no heartbeat. He’s not breathing. How can he not be dead?” Natalie is looking down at her husband from an observation room with Foreman, while the team works on him below. Foreman explains that the body slows down when it cools, but it doesn’t totally shut down. They’re warming his blood outside his body and then putting it back in. Hopefully, they can raise his temperature enough so that his heart will start naturally, and then they’ll shock it back into rhythm.

Down below, Adams wonders if maybe Andres tried to run away, knowing what he is putting his wife through. Chase has a darker suspicion: that Andres tried to kill himself. “It’s what I’d do, if I were him,” he says. Adams can’t believe it. “I just believe people are capable of more than you do, apparently,” she says.

Chase explains that when he was a teenager, his father left him to care for his alcoholic mother and baby sister. “I spent half my time cleaning diapers and the other half cleaning up my mom’s vomit. Mom died after a few years. It was ugly and painful, and she went with me hating her. My sister ended up drinking half of her life away, and hating me because I couldn’t help. After mom, I had nothing left. So, do I wish mom had used a gun instead of a bottle? Yes.” Suddenly, Andres’ monitor shows atrial fibrillation, and Chase is able to shock his heart back into a normal rhythm.

“Well, I’ve just got to do a standard battery of tests: blood, urine, EEG…” House is examining a man in the clinic, who doesn’t understand why he’d need all those tests for a free flu shot. And who is that pounding on the door? “I specifically said the bet was off if you contacted the patient,” Wilson tells House out in the hall. But House didn’t contact the patient; he brought her husband in instead. House thinks that the wife is lying, and that it’s really the husband with the problem and she’s just going along with it. “It’s a tale as old as time. Boy meets girl. Girl falls for boy. Boy says, ‘I’m asexual.’ Girl says, ‘Yeah, me too.’” He doesn’t believe that they’re as happy as the wife claimed to Wilson.

“He just opened his eyes a little while ago. His heartbeat’s doing well, and his body temperature’s stabilized.” Park is removing Andres’ breathing tube while Natalie watches. He starts speaking Portuguese to Natalie, but she doesn’t understand, and it’s making him agitated. His temperature starts to rise.

“Vomiting, liver, kidneys, and now fever.” Foreman is leading the DDx again, but House interrupts to point out that the newest symptom might not really be a symptom. “It could come from the patient’s illness, or from the fact that you allowed him to saunter out of your hospital and take a nap in the snow.” A virus couldn’t have come on that quickly, but hypothermia could have caused cell necrosis. Foreman wants to add the violence toward Natalie and his loss of English to the list, too. “Disseminated viral infection with encephalitis. Patient complained of a sore throat a few weeks ago,” he says. House agrees and orders interferon.

“Encephalitis makes his brain swell, which causes symptoms that are hard to distinguish from his Alzheimer’s. With the interferon, his English should come back, and the aggression should subside.” Chase and Adams are explaining Andres’ condition to Natalie. But she’s concerned that they’re not sure of the diagnosis, and they’re not even sure whether he has brain damage from being frozen.

“So, best case scenario, I’ve just had a glimpse into his future?” she asks. “We married six
months after I met him. A year after that, he started forgetting things. I've known my husband longer with his Alzheimer's than without. I've watched more of him disappear than I ever got to know. I can't take care of him anymore."

"You lose! Blood work shows high levels of prolactin. Add that to some peripheral red-green confusion, puts my money - excuse me, your money, soon to be my money - on a tumor near his pituitary." House is convinced that he's discovered the truth behind the husband's asexuality. Wilson agrees it would have lowered his libido and caused erectile dysfunction.

"Put him on dopamine agonist, and he'll be a sex-crazed creep just like the rest of us," House says. But they could have wrecked a marriage. "It could destroy his identity," Wilson says. "It's like a gay person being told they're really straight." House's solution? Don't tell him, since it's a slow-growing tumor. Now Wilson is in another impossible position, put there by House.

"You played me! This whole thing was about your ankle monitor." Foreman walks into House's office, with the petition House's PO sent over about getting the monitor removed. "You weren't trying to undermine my confidence. You were trying to inflate it. You manufactured conflict with me so eventually you could let me win. You knew it was encephalitis, but you waited for me to say it. Because, then, with my ego boosted, you thought I'd be in the mood to take off your monitor. Because I'd think I could control you."

"You're right," House tells him. "Take off my monitor. See, the beauty of the plan is that if it works, then you think you can control me. If it fails, then you actually will have proven that you can control me. It's pretty genius." He puts his ankle up on his desk and points to the monitor. "These are your training wheels. If you think you're up to the job, it's time to lose them." Foreman rips up the form. "The second half of my plan might need work," House concedes.

Suddenly, both their beepers go off. Andres is having a ventricular fibrillation episode on a gurney in the hallway. House grabs the paddles, while Foreman is still checking Andres' pulse. Adams pulls him away just as House shocks Andres back to normal rhythm.

"I sure hope this Alzheimer's drug trial is worth a lot to this hospital, because we're wasting a crap load of time and man power, just to let this guy watch his mind shrivel and keep his wife miserable." House is pacing in his outer office with the team, plus Foreman, who points out that a heart attack while on interferon rules out encephalitis. But he still thinks he's right about the neurological symptoms. "It's probably aseptic meningitis," he says.

"Dr. Foreman, could you please reach under your chair?" House instructs. But all Foreman pulls up is wet gum. "Where's the card?" he asks. "What card?" House says. House thinks that it's toxins, possibly from a previous unsupervised walk. Even if Natalie keeps the doors locked, he could have gotten into something inside the house. What about toxins left over from when she was a florist? House orders the team to do a home search.

"Stop," Foreman says. "You're not infallible. You were wrong about encephalitis. Run a CSF test. Find out what's causing the meningitis." "You said you weren't going to overrule me diagnostically?" House says. "And you said I wouldn't be able to help it," Foreman answers. "Apparently, you were right about that one."

"What about gifts from South America? Did anyone send any fruits or vegetables?" Since House can't go to their home, he's going to quiz Natalie on any possible toxins. He catches a bit of the Portuguese Andres is speaking. "He's repeating 'blue shack.' Do you know what that is?" he asks Natalie. House orders the team to do a home search.

Natalie cries. "He still in there," she says. Andres says something else and she asks House to translate. "He asked who you are." He tells her to have Joseph collect samples from the house.

House wants to know more about toxins, but Natalie begs him to translate more of what Andres is saying. He reluctantly agrees: "When I saw her waiting, waiting for me at the table, the way her eyes looked when she smiled, I felt like crying. I knew that she was the one that I wanted to marry. Every time I see her, I say, 'There she is.'" Natalie cries. "He still in there," she says. Andres says something else and she asks House to translate. "He asked who you are." She tells him to have Joseph collect samples from the house.

"How'd you even know to look for a tumor?" Wilson is showing the test results to the husband and wife, who asks if there are any side effects to the treatment. Wilson tells them that, in addition to nausea and dizziness, there will be behavioral changes. "The tumor interferes with certain natural systems. It lowers libido and causes erectile dysfunction." When he learns that the treatment might make him want to have sex, the husband begins to balk.

"I know who I am," he says. "I'm not one of them." His wife says that they'll adjust, but he doesn't want to put her through having sex, which he thinks will be terrible. "It's actually... pretty
"fun," she tells him, to both the husband's and Wilson's surprise. "Look, I knew I wanted to spend
my life with you. And I also knew that meant making certain sacrifices. But a girl has needs."

"If you want my money, I'll need to see a five-year plan." Foreman is talking to donors in
his office, who are nervous about the management changes at the hospital, and its subsequent
lower ranking. Foreman is trying to pay attention, but his eye catches a vase of flowers. "Am I
boring you?" the man asks. "No. Those flowers are from last week. They should be dead by now,"
Foreman says. He can't keep his mind on the meeting. "Sorry," he tells them. "I've got to go."

"It's Reye syndrome." Foreman finds House in the lab. "Patient had a sore throat a few weeks
ago before he was admitted." Reye's as an adult? Even if he took aspirin, it's still a reach, es-
pecially considering Natalie had all the medicine cabinets locked up. "It wasn't in the medicine
cabinet," Foreman says. "Wife used to run a floral company. Still does a few orders from home.
She uses crushed aspirin in the water to make the flowers last longer." He could have easily taken
a massive amount of aspirin, because every time he realized he had a sore throat he thought it
was the first time.

Foreman is pretty pleased with himself. He's already told Chase to put Andres on steroids.
"Then why are you telling me?" House asks. "Because I wanted you to hear it from me," he says,
and walks out.

"There she is." Andres greets his wife the next morning. "Your eye. What happened?" he asks,
seeing the damage he doesn't realize he did. "Nothing I can't handle," she tells him.

"MRI confirmed macroprolactinoma. He's doing the treatment," Wilson tells House, in House's
office. "And the wife?" House asks. Wilson knows he's lost the bet and pulls out his wallet. "Come
Not bad for a day's work."

Wilson thinks that the two of them were happy, even if it was based on lies. "Most happiness
is," House says, handing Wilson a cigar. "Better to have schtupped and lost then never to have
schtupped at all," he says, burning the money he just made from Wilson and using it to light his
cigar and then Wilson's. There's a knock at the door. "Is one of you Dr. House?" a uniformed man
asks. "I've got an order here to remove his ankle monitor."

"Robby? It's been years." Chase is calling his sister. "I know," he tells her. "I thought of you
on Mom's birthday. I just wanted to see how you were."

"Bikes go faster without training wheels." Foreman barely even looks up when House comes
to see him. "Now get out. I have work to do." House goes but not before purposely knocking over
cup full of pencils and pens. "Whoops."
Runaways

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Summary: An underage runaway’s symptoms grow worse after she’s brought in for treatment. When the team determines that the girl needs invasive surgery, they have to find her mother, who the girl claims is a drug addict. Meanwhile, House tries to blackmail Foreman using the hospital director’s affair with a married woman, and Taub tries to connect with his infant daughters.

"How long has your daughter had trouble breathing?" House is listening to the labored breathing of a scruffy teenage girl in the clinic, while her father watches, indifferent. "About a week now," he guesses. "The best dads wait two or more," House chides him. She was at another clinic just five months ago, for strep throat, where she was given amoxicillin. But the teenager claims this isn’t a serious condition: "I checked online. It’s asthma or something." "‘Or Something’ is the number one killer of teens with no medical degree,” House says. As for getting the asthma inhaler she was hoping for: "Sorry, hospital policy specifically prohibits me from giving meds to unrelated homeless people pretending to be father and daughter."

House has figured them out from her "dad’s" ill-fitting pants and the fact that she didn’t react at all just then when he said they were unrelated. Caught, the two start to leave. "Since you’re the brains of the operation," House says to the girl, "you might want to stick around." "What, so I can get busted by Social Services?" she asks. "No, so you can stop bleeding out of your ear," he says, getting up to check her out. She hasn’t had any recent injuries, no pain, no tenderness, no fever. House is intrigued. "Pay the man. He’s late for a trashcan fire," he says, and she grabs two beers from her backpack to give to her fake dad. "Would you tell me what’s going on? What’s wrong with me?" she asks House. "I have no idea," he tells her. "I will be admitting you under the name: Gloria Estefan."

"Why’d you ask to meet us 30 miles away from the hospital?" Taub and the team walk in to a small diner to meet House, who promptly props up his ankle-monitor-free leg on the table.
"Because I can," he says, happily. "Also, Chris Christie’s blog says that the pancakes here are the best."

So, on to the 18-year-old with the bleeding ear and breathing problems: "CT confirmed no skull fracture, and looking at her confirmed she’s not 18," Adams says, rejecting House’s plan to admit the minor without a legal guardian. "We need to call Social Services." But the girl told House if they report her, she’ll bolt. Regardless of her age, living on the streets has made her vulnerable to malnutrition, drug use and HIV, any of which could explain her symptoms, Taub suggests. Chase says that she checked out for all of those, as he and the rest of the team see Foreman entering the diner, with the married woman he’s been seeing, Anita. House feigns surprise. Apparently the location wasn’t pancake-related after all.

"Hi, Dean Foreman!" House yells, snapping a picture of the two of the them with his cell phone, before Foreman leaves her at the counter to join the team at a booth. "Are you not going to introduce us because we’re married? Oh no, wait - that’s her," House says. Foreman claims that the woman is a pharmaceutical rep and this is purely a working breakfast, as the rest of the team tries to get back to the case.

"Pneumococcus is pretty common among the homeless population," Adams says. "We should find out if she’s been vaccinated." House doesn’t expect the girl to be honest about any vaccinations, but he wants her started on ceftriaxone for pneumococcus regardless.

"When I was your age, I ran away." Back at the hospital, Adams is attempting to bond with the teenager, "Jane Doe," while Taub prepares her treatment. "Lived on my own. At the time it seemed..." The girl interrupts her: "Let me guess. Life with mom and dad was kind of a drag, so you just ran away and lived with friends and partied with guys you knew your parents would hate? And then when you got tired of being a rebel, you just went home. Being homeless isn’t a vacation for me. And I’m not acting out. My life at home sucked, so I got the hell out of there."

The girl says that she doesn’t want to be crammed in with a bunch of "messed-up" kids in group homes, or go to foster homes she thinks would only want her because she’d be a meal ticket for them. So why does she have a history schoolbook in her backpack? "I don’t plan on being homeless forever," she says.

"Hello, good sir. My brother, the general here, got the Green Apple Quick Step." House is confronted with two Civil War reenactors in an exam room in the clinic. House checks the calendar. "One of us is in the wrong time zone. And if it’s me, I need to talk to a stockbroker and anyone from the Kennedy family. In that order." The soldier explains that his brother has diarrhea and he needs to be better for a battle tomorrow. House notes the lack of authenticity in going to a modern clinic and seeing a Yankee doctor. Despite questioning the sanity of the "general," House hands him some medicine. "The Confederacy thanks you, doc," the brother says.

"Got House’s phone, deleted all photos of you and Anita." Chase gives Foreman the good news as he sits down at a table in the cafeteria with Foreman and Taub. "An affair?" Taub says. "Never knew you were such a tramp." Foreman laughs. "Neither did I. But Anita, she’s fun, smart, not looking for anything serious. It’s pretty perfect." Except for the guilt he feels about Anita’s husband.

Taub thinks that it isn’t Foreman’s job to protect their marriage, which seems a little strange coming from him. "Aren’t you supposed to be pointing the finger at your own life as a cautionary tale?" Foreman asks. But Taub sees it differently. If he hadn’t cheated, he might still be married, but he wouldn’t have his two daughters, Sophie and Sophia. Then he gets to thinking, "Which means I wouldn’t be preparing for their visit this week by child-locking all my cabinets, padding table corners and getting rid of every single magazine." Why can’t he just hide the porn in an underwear drawer? "Magazines go away so I won’t ignore my children." He knows he has to pay attention to them, and he wants to, "but they’re just so boring," Taub says, reluctantly.

Adams calls in word from Jane Doe’s school: they’ve done a bunch of vaccinations, including pneumococcus, so they’ll have to take her off the ceftriaxone. It’s not a total loss: she registered for school under a fake name, but the address is real. Or, at least, it’s the address to a foreclosed house.

Adams and Park are investigating the home where Jane is registered. Lots of food and water on the shelves, plus beer. "She eats well, goes to school, makes good grades?" Park wonders. "She’s a homeless girl who’s captain of the volleyball team." But they do find a lot of mold underneath the sink.

"You went to my school! Now that they know, they’ll report me." Jane is furious when she finds
out what happened. Adams is attempting to give her medicine for a possible fungal infection, but Jane starts getting up from her hospital bed. She doesn't get far, quickly crumbling to the floor. "I can't feel my legs!"

"So, what causes an ear bleed, breathing problems, and our runaway's inability to run away?" House asks the team, whom he's assembled at a rifle range. "I've been waiting to do this for months," House says, as he aims his rifle at a clay pigeon and pulls the trigger. "Sights seem to be off on this," he says, inspecting the rifle after he misses.

Adams wants to call Social Services on Jane. They didn't call before because they thought she might leave, but now they know she can't. House doesn't even want to discuss it, as he misses another shot. "Does anyone have an opinion on our patient's medical condition?" Taub suggests endocarditis with septic emboli. "I'd turn around and shoot you, but apparently I'd miss. No murmurs, no Osler's nodes," House says to Taub. "You've never done this before, have you?" Park asks. "No, I have not. But all the time I had my ankle-monitor on I was furious that I couldn't," he says.

"Vasculitis fits," Chase says, and House agrees. "Start treatment with steroids. If she's lucky, she'll be free to flee again." Adams still wants to call Social Services, though. So House makes a bet: if she makes a shot, she can make the call. Of course, she hits the clay pigeon.

"She responding to corticosteroids?" Taub asks Adams, as she leaves Jane's room. She is, and she seems strangely OK with the Social Services woman. "Maybe she's tired of living on the streets after all," Adams says. But Adams notices something strange about the woman talking to Jane: high heels on a social worker?

"Hiring a hooker to pretend to be a social worker?" Foreman has called both House and Adams into his office. He's already called Social Services to tell them about the mistake, and given Jane's description to the cops so they can track down her parents.

"You should have told me you were treating an underage clinic patient," Foreman says. House claims that he was giving Foreman "the gift of deniability." Now Foreman wants to give House the gift of additional clinic hours. When House balks, Foreman leans back confidently. He knows House doesn't have anything on him, so he'll have to do what Foreman says. "Check your phone," Foreman tells him, knowing Chase deleted the incriminating pictures. But as it turns out, House has more than just the cell phone pics: he's got pictures of Foreman and Anita kissing, at dinner, at a nightclub.

"How I miss the sweet smell of sticking it to the man," House tells Wilson of his win over Foreman at the nurse's station. But Wilson, like Adams, thinks House is actually protecting Jane. "You admire this girl. She had a horrible home life, so she went out on her own. She's your road not taken." And Wilson says that House will prove it himself, when Jane's parents show up and he tries to protect her from them.

"The sound I make is moooo." Taub is playing with animal hand puppets and his two daughters. All three of them look bored. Taub spots a book under the couch and starts to read.

"I heard the nurses talking, you called Social Services for real." Jane is packing up when Adams and Taub reach her room the next day. She claims that her mom abuses her, but Taub says if that's the case then Social Services won't let her go home with her mom. Just then the social worker arrives, with a middle-aged blonde woman. "I'm Ellen Rogers, Callie's mother," she says. "You haven't been that for two years," Callie/Jane says. "I promise things are different," Ellen pleads, but Callie is not impressed. "Wow, two sentences in and you're already making promises." Callie starts to cough, and soon she's spitting up blood.

"You bet $100 on a turtle race?" House has the team assembled for yet another formerly off-limits activity: gambling. "I paid Mr. Chips $5 to take a dive," House says, as they watch two turtles in a ring hardly moving at all. "The bleeding stopped on its own, she got worse after being on steroids, so autoimmune is out," Adams says. But where is the blood coming from? "If the bleeding is in her gut," Adams says, "it could be Zollinger-Ellison. Acid reflux causes asthma, and the acid erodes the stomach, causing the bleeding."

The turtles are moving now, with Mr. Chips in the lead. Park bets House $100 Mr. Chips beats House's turtle, Franklin. After a surprisingly dramatic finish, Franklin comes in first. "Mr. Chips' owner only feeds him on apples and bananas. Nowhere near enough vitamin A," House tells Park, demanding his payment. "And do an upper endoscopy to confirm for Zollinger-Ellison." He wants the mom to give consent first, which Adams objects to: "Ellen shouldn't have consent if she beat
her daughter.” “It doesn’t matter if she beat her daughter,” House says. “It only matters if Social Services says she beat her daughter. Good thing you made it all official!”

“Will the endoscopy be painful?” Ellen asks Adams as she signs the consent form. “Is that an issue?” Adams pointedly asks, then remarks that as with any medical issue, there will be some discomfort. “I never meant to hurt my daughter,” Ellen tells Adams. So why does Callie say she hit her? “I’m a drug addict, and I’ve been a lousy mom. Especially since my husband died. He was closer to Callie than I was, and I missed him so much. It was too hard, and taking oxy just made things easier. Right up until it made me lose my daughter. I hurt Callie a lot. But one of the only things that I can feel OK about is that I never hit her.”

“Didn’t peg you as the midday fun kind of guy. So glad I was wrong.” Anita arrives at Foreman’s apartment for a rendezvous. But he hasn’t called her there for fun: he tells Anita about House’s pictures. “He’s threatening to tell your husband.” Foreman thinks that they need to stop seeing each other. “Not necessarily,” Anita says. “I told my husband about you.” Foreman is stunned. Anita’s husband has noticed that she’s been in a better mood lately, so she told him that it was because of Foreman. “And he was OK with that?” Foreman asks. “Not initially. It was a pretty tough conversation. Neither of us was ready to give up on the marriage, and I am not ready to give up this,” she says, going in for a kiss. “You don’t have to feel so guilty anymore.” But Foreman still looks troubled.

“You didn’t need to shoot yourself. I could have given you a Section 8.” One of House’s Confederate soldiers is back in the clinic, with a nasty foot wound. “We’ve hit the drills pretty hard,” he says, curiously sans old-timey Southern accent. “By the fourth round, my hand went numb. The gun slipped.” It’s his brother, Sheldon, who’s the real stickler for authenticity, and he never drops character while in uniform. “Sheldon and I had a big falling out years ago. We only really starting talking again because of the reenactments. They gave me my brother back.”

“Your mom didn’t hit you, did she?” Adams asks Callie as she wheels her into a room for the endoscopy. Callie admits that she didn’t. “People understand getting hit more than they understand what my mom does.” Callie took on the parental role as her mother slippged into addiction. “I had to get a job. Double shifts just to keep the power on. Keep food in the house. I couldn’t tell you how many times she nearly OD’d and I had to clean her up and put her in bed.” So she figured that if she had to be the grown-up, she’d do it on her terms. “Your mom knows she messed up,” Adams says. “She’s determined not to do it again.” But Callie knows her mom will feel that way only until things get tough. “And she has to start using again.”

“Do you think people can change?” Adams asks Chase, as they perform the endoscopy. “No, but I don’t think that’s going to change your opinion, because people don’t change.” They spot an ulcer high in Callie’s esophagus, which immediately starts bleeding. It’s not Zollinger-Ellison.

“Cauterized the ulcer, stopped the bleeding.” Chase gives House and the team the rundown in the outer office. “What if she didn’t get this from being homeless?” Adams wonders. “What if she got it from her mom? Alcohol-induced esophagitis.” That would explain the esophageal ulcers and her other symptoms. Then why haven’t they ever seen her drunk, drinking, or suffering from detoxing? “Her blood pressure’s been elevated. Could be the DTs,” Adams says.

“Mildly elevated BP could put her at risk of a berry aneurysm.” House says. “Weak blood vessel in the brain, gets pounded on by elevated BP, causes it to expand and contract. Causes the symptoms to come and go.” Adams thinks both alcoholism and berry aneurysm are both valid theories and that they should talk to Callie and her mom about them. “Why?” House asks. “We discussed it right here. Go tell them she needs a cerebral angiogram to locate the aneurysm, and surgery to repair.”

“Brain surgery? When?” Foreman and Adams tell Callie and Ellen they want to get Callie into an operating room in an hour. But Callie can tell Adams isn’t onboard with the decision. “I think your symptoms are the result of alcohol abuse,” Adams says. Callie tells her she’s not an alcoholic. She uses beer as payment sometimes, like with her fake dad, and she occasionally has a beer with her friends. “That doesn’t mean I have a problem,” she says, defiantly. “I want the surgery.” However, Ellen has the final says. “I’m not an addict,” Callie tells her mom. “That’s what I always said to you. Callie, but I had a problem,” Ellen says. “I’m nothing like you!” Callie yells. “Tell them to do the surgery.” Ellen needs a few minutes to think it over.

“The patient asked me what I thought!” Adams is trying to explain what happened to House back in the outer office. “I pay you to think, inside this room. Outside this room, I pay you to parrot.” House says. He thinks she turned a medical decision into an extension of her own
"You told the mom something you want to believe, because you don’t want to believe that this girl might be doing fine, parent-free. Which also happens to be what the mom wants to believe." He thinks Ellen’s “guilt-colored glasses” are affecting her judgment.

“You must be Dr. House,” Ellen says, as House plops down on a bench in the lobby and pops some pills. "I save my appearances for when parents are on the brink of doing something incredibly stupid. Your daughter has a berry aneurysm. She needs surgery." If she won’t let Callie or House make the decision, then she should just leave. "She hates you," he says. "It's actually not such a big deal. There’s plenty of kids who hate their parents. What makes it a big deal is that she should hate you."

House tells her Callie is better off without her. "So let her be better off without you." He’s going ahead with the surgery, whether or not Ellen consents. When he gets up to leave, she can see he's left his pill bottle behind. He's almost to the elevator when she stops him. "My daughter's care is my choice. And so is this," she says, handing him back the pills. "Treat her for alcoholism."

"Why would Anita tell her husband about our affair?" Taub has invited Foreman and Chase over to help with his daughters, but Foreman is still confused about Anita. Chase thinks that she must have just gotten sick of lying. "Look at it this way: now the sex is both commitment-and guilt-free." Foreman rationalizes that now he knows he's hurting the husband - before the husband knew about it, he wasn’t really being hurt.

"Social Services’ report came in on your mom," Adams says to Callie later that night. "Let me guess: she passed with flying colors. She always does," Callie says. Adams tells her about the pills House left for Ellen and how she gave them back. But Callie is still mad at her mom for taking Adams' word over her own about the drinking. "She's your mom, and for the first time she's acting like it," Adams says. "It's a little late for that," Callie tells her.

"I heard you went head-to-head with the mom." Wilson catches up to House in the elevator the next morning. "You're protecting the girl." He even tested her, to see if she could get her back on drugs and out of Callie’s life. House maintains the only thing he was protecting was his diagnosis. And the drugs were just to show Adams that Ellen hadn't changed. "Taking a principled stand against idealism." House says. But Callie is stable now, so maybe Adams was right and it's alcohol-related? "I hope so, considering it's what we're treating her for," House says. Wilson can't believe what he's hearing. "You hope you're wrong, for the sake of the patient?" House quickly clarifies: "I hope I'm right, but the aneurysm bursts without killing her. Call me a softie."

"Your patients love you, because you're empathetic." When Wilson gets to his office, he's surprised to find Taub in there. "But you don't love all your patients?" Taub asks. "Of course not," Wilson says. "I'll bet some of them bore you. But you fake an interest in them because you need to, right? And if you do it long enough, it becomes real?" Taub is really grasping here. But Wilson tells him that the interest is real. "Really? Because you realize they're not dull. It was just your misinterpretation of them?" Wilson tells him it's all about common ground. "You find one thing you both like or hate. John Woo movies, romance novels, kale. Sometimes the best way to connect with someone is stop thinking about them, and focus on yourself."

"I told him because it was the right thing to do." Anita is trying to explain her decision to Foreman at the diner. She doesn’t think that it changes anything between them. "It sort of does for me," he says. He doesn't want to stop seeing her - he just wants her to tell her husband that they did. "And then go back to sneaking around behind his back?" she asks. "Why would you want to do that?" "I don't know," Foreman says. "This just feels wrong." Anita looks confused and angry. "I think I'm going to go," she says, leaving him at the booth.

"We thought it was the salt pork. But all the menfolk been eating it, and we're the only ones that's sick." Now both Confederate brothers are back in the clinic, violently heaving into trash bins. Sure enough, Sheldon is still in character. House gives their uniforms a once-over. "Which one of you is the cheap bastard? Your uniforms aren't wool. They're polyester - cheap polyester, which gets processed with a heavy metal called antimony. You wear badly processed polyester all day and night, for days and nights, and you get antimony poisoning. Which causes your diarrhea and your numbness in your hands," he says to each brother. "And your collective vomiting." It turns out Sheldon cheated out on the uniforms, and soon they're at each other's throats. "Brother against brother: now that's authentic," House says.

"I know you don't want me here, but they had banana muffins downstairs. Reminded me of our St. Pete's trip." Ellen brings the bag of muffins to Callie, as Adams is changing her IV. "Remember? We used to walk and get some every morning at that bakery." Callie won't even look
at her mom. "I guess," she says. Ellen starts to walk away.

"Were you high on that trip?" Callie asks. "Not when we were together," is all Ellen can say. "I used to wait until you went to bed." Callie tells her she can stay, and she even takes a bite of the muffin. "Not bad." But almost immediately she passes out. "What's happening?" Ellen asks. "Is this from the alcohol treatment?" Adams tells her she was wrong. "A berry aneurysm must have just burst."

"Aneurysm must have leaked, instead of burst." House is watching Adams and Chase from the observation deck. The temporal lobes and ventricles are clear. Even after injecting the dye, they can't find an aneurysm. Callie starts to crash on the table. House calls Adams away to come with him, while Chase orders pressors to raise her blood pressure.

"What causes bleeding issues, breathing issues, paralysis, loss of consciousness? What are we missing?" Taub, House, Park, and Adams are back in House's office. The pressors will only give them a couple of hours to figure out what's wrong with Callie. Adams mentions the trip to Florida a few years ago. Could it be dengue fever or cholera? "Great ideas," House says, sarcastically. "If dengue fever and cholera laid in wait for two years before suddenly..." And that gives him an idea.

"Did your daughter go swimming in Florida?" House finds Ellen on a bench outside Callie's room. "In a lake or a pond or an Everglade?" Ellen remembers a canal near her mother's house. "Come with me," he says, walking away. "Don't want to explain this twice."

"Your daughter has ascariasis." House interrupts Chase and the other doctors treating Callie, along with Ellen, to tell them about Callie's condition, caused by a parasitic worm found in feces. The eggs ended up in Callie's intestine when she went swimming. They were asymptomatic until at some point when they were knocked loose. When they hatched, the worms got to work all over, causing problems with her lungs, her ear and her legs. "The worms got agitated by the steroids we gave her, which started them on their journey to the esophagus. And ultimately to the heart. A few pills of mebendazole, she'll be fine."

"She's feeling much better." Ellen and Adams head toward Callie's room the next day. But when they get there, Callie is nowhere to be found. Adams sees a note Callie left for her mom. Outside the room, Adams tells House that Callie agrees with him that people don't change. "She said when her mom slips again, she didn't want to be there. She'd rather remember her like she is now." "Smart girl," House says. Adams tells him he got the ending he wanted. "I was only looking to solve the case, not their lives. I don't care if the people who work for me are screwed up. In fact, I even encourage it. But absolution - you do that on your own time. Or not at all. Because clearly you suck at it."

Taub struggles to pass the time with his toddlers. Then when he sees a sports magazine on the coffee table, instead of just reading it to himself, he reads to the gils, complete with sound effects. "This is Terrell Owens. People call him T.O. You know what sound he makes? Waaaah, waaah, waaah."

"Working late? Husband have her tonight?" House sees Foreman is still at the hospital as he's ready to leave. "Every night. She broke it off," Foreman tells him. "I'm not really an affair guy after all." House doesn't think that's it: "You just lost interest once it stopped being an affair. That's why you're relieved. But don't worry. It's not going to end here. You just have to get your adrenaline fix somewhere else. If that doesn't do it anymore, then you just escalate things somehow." House tosses back a handful of pills. "At least, that's what I've been told." Foreman laughs. "I'm not like you, House." "True," House says. "No limp."
Nobody’s Fault

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Summary: When a violent incident involving a patient has serious consequences for one staff member, House and the team are placed under review by Dr. Walter Cofield, Foreman’s former mentor and current Chief of Neurology. As House and each member of his team recount the details of the dramatic and life-threatening incident, Cofield must weigh the team’s unconventional brand of collaboration against their ability to save lives.

A decimated hospital room gives few clues to its history: blood streaks on the walls and cabinets, needles and surgical equipment strewn on the floor, get well balloons clinging to the ceiling.

In another part of the hospital, a large and formal meeting room, House is seated across from a man who pointedly places a digital recorder on the long, wooden table between them. "Let the record show that we are officially convening the disciplinary hearing regarding the... events of February 3, 2012, in patient room 209. Dr. House, this recording will be transcribed and published along with all supporting documentation and rulings. Do you have any questions before we get started?" "Yeah," House says. "Who the hell are you?" The man looks him over for a second. "I'm Walter Cofield, Chief of Neurology, Mercy Hospital. I'll be deciding your fate today."

"It's interesting that he'd pick the old mentor to judge the new one." House recognizes Cofield as a former residency director at Johns Hopkins, where he would have trained Foreman. Cofield calmly but confidently regains the upper hand. "This hearing isn't about me, Dr. House. I know you'd like to make it about me, because then it wouldn't be about you." House is through hypothesizing about Foreman's motives. "The facts are in the file," he tells Cofield, getting up. "If you have trouble reading my handwriting, give me a call. I'm going back to work." But the facts in the file alone aren't in his favor. "The facts say you should be suspended. Which from what I understand would mean a revocation of your parole," Cofield tells him. House knows that he has no choice but to tell his side of the story.
"Patient was a 32-year-old high school chemistry teacher. He collapsed while out jogging. He was paralyzed in all four extremities." House relates the case history to Cofield, adding that scans showed no sign of stroke or structural damage, with no broken bones or signs of any trauma. The part where Foreman pleads with House to take the case because he just doesn’t know what to do, well, that was just a little "poetic license" for Cofield. Meanwhile, House is downing his "Vicamins" right in front of Cofield, confirming for Cofield without hesitation that, yes, he was taking Vicodin during the case... and during about nine years of previous cases." It’s his "process," House claims, and it’s been proven to work most of the time. "Good things usually happen. Bad things sometimes happen." Shouldn’t we try to learn from the times when bad things happen? "Bad things sometimes happen," House insists. "It was nobody’s fault." "So then what happened?" Cofield asks.

"Those who can, do. Those who can’t, teach. Those who can’t teach, team gym. Those who can’t move their arms or legs, teach us to laugh at others." That’s how House originally presented the strange case of Bill Koppelman to the team. Pretty tame by House standards, but it catches Cofield off-guard when he hears Adams tell the story. "Are you trying to make him look bad?" he asks, thinking maybe she was not-so-subtly trying to shift the blame toward House. "Given what’s happened, it’s understandable that your opinion would color your testimony," Cofield says. But Adams doesn’t think it was House’s fault.

"I thought the patient had a liver problem," Taub says, when it’s his turn to go before Cofield. "Hepatic encephalopathy explained why he passed out, why he couldn’t move his limbs."

"He thought Taub’s idea was stupid," Park reports to Cofield later. And House didn’t think her idea, normal pressure hydrocephalus, was any good, either. "No, you idiot!" House had told her. "Patient had low opening pressure on his LP. Try un-squinting your eyes and reading the labs next time."

"Are you intentionally trying to get me to dislike you?" Cofield asks House, referring to the "un-squinting" remark. House not only confirms he did say it, but he repeats it slowly into the recorder so it’s on the record.

When they are first discussing the case, Chase thinks the patient might have a heart problem. House thinks that he might be on to something, noting that the patient’s potassium levels are irregular. "Could be thyrotoxic paralysis. Start him on steroids, PTU, and beta-blockers," he tells the team.

Cofield seems more concerned, though, about the orange stains on the case files, which he doesn’t seem inclined to believe came from Cheetos, as House insists. No, they came from Chase’s dyed hair. Not dyed purposely by Chase, but as a prank by House. "My team is made up of Type A personalities. They need somebody to break the tension every once in a while," House tells Cofield.

"House prefers chaos over cohesion," Adams says later of the orange-hair prank. "He believes that disagreement and mistrust lead to better ideas. He’s not wrong." In fact, Adams explains, the steroids worked. Bill woke up...

"Bill? Can you hear me?" Bill’s wife, Emily, asks as soon as he opens his eyes. He tells Adams and Taub that he’s thirsty, which Adams assures him is normal, since he’d been in a coma for several hours. Taub explains to Bill that he’s being treated for an overactive thyroid, what they believed caused him to pass out, paralyzed. When two school-aged girls arrive with flowers and balloons, Bill welcomes them as his students. "Everyone back at school is so worried about you!" one of the girls says. "Is he sick because of the explosion?" the other asks. What explosion?

"A chemistry demonstration he was doing for his class went wrong," Taub explains to Cofield. It wasn’t in the file because Bill came in unconscious, and Emily didn’t know it happened. "And I was the one who questioned her," Taub says, "so if there was an oversight, it was mine." House believes that patient histories are crucial, but he doesn’t believe he needs to be in the same room with the patient to get the history. "House thinks avoiding the patients allows him to stay as objective as possible," Taub says. "He’s not wrong."

"If you want an accurate patient history, don’t ever talk to the patient," House affirms to Cofield what Taub said, while allowing for the idea that he’s also just lazy. But if House was in the room with the patient, he could read body language, ask follow-up questions, or warn him of the dangers of not being honest with him. "Can you dispute the possibility that had you visited the patient sooner, maybe talked to the wife, been directed to one of the students, that this case might have ended very differently?" Cofield asks. House has no answer.
"It wasn't exactly an explosion," Bill explains. "It was a controlled reaction that went a little haywire. But one of the students disagrees. Apparently another student filmed the entire event and posted it online. "It got, like, over 75,000 hits already." Suddenly, Bill begins violently coughing up blood.

"He had a loss of consciousness, temporary paralysis. But it was when I was told the patient coughed up blood that things really started to get interesting," House's description of events surprises Cofield. "Your patient was doubled over in pain and coughing up blood, and you found that interesting?" "Why? Is that bad?" House asks. "It's interesting," Cofield says.

"I do this demonstration every year. I usually have a student aide help me set it up." Bill plays the video and explained how the explosion happened. "Apparently, this year he added extra hydrofluoric acid, which is why it exploded." The student was trying to create a viral video, not hurt anyone. "So we figured the patient inhaled the extra large dose of hydrofluoric acid and burned his lungs, which is why he coughed up blood."

Park notices in the video that Bill was knocked backward, hitting his head against the wall, which, if his brain swelled, could have led to the loss of consciousness and paralysis. "So... we discussed it a while longer, and decided to treat with heparin," she tells Cofield. It doesn't escape his notice that she fast-tracks through the DDx details. "You skipped over the actual DDx, and now you're averting your eyes. I'm growing more and more curious by the moment."

The part she had hoped to leave out was Chase's prank retaliation: a stink bomb. But House had found it first and set it off in the outer office in front of the team. While he was safely behind a gas mask, of course. "You can leave when I have an answer," he told the team, as they gagged and tried to cover their noses. "How do we treat chemical burns inside the lungs?" After Park's and Adams' ideas were dismissed, Taub suggested aerosolized heparin. "But that's only experimental," Park said. "It's never actually been used before."

"Not true," House tells Cofield. "It's been used in sheep." Bill was heading downhill fast, and they needed to do something quickly. Cofield remains unimpressed. "So you busted out the sulfur dioxide stink bomb. It was manipulation. You were pressuring your team into coming up with unsafe medical ideas just to get out of that room."

"And everyone else just went along with this?" Cofield asks Park. "No, I told House I thought it was a mistake," in fact, she might have even called it insane. "You thought it was insane, and yet you let it happen. If you disagree with Dr. House on patient safety, doctor, it is your duty to speak up. Otherwise, you are equally to blame." She did try to speak up, though. "And you failed," Cofield tells her. "And that's why I went to Dr. Foreman," Park says...

"The heparin could cause the patient to bleed into his lungs even faster," Park tells Foreman. Foreman, busy at his desk, agrees it is crazy. "But House doesn't do crazy just for crazy's sake. If he thinks this is the only way to help the patient..." and he walks out.

"You did not tell me you were involved in this case when you asked me to do this," Cofield tells Foreman, who insists the heparin couldn't be related to the outcome. "If signing off on everything House does is a pattern, it affects the way House behaves, it affects the way House's team reacts to the way House behaves."

House is brilliant, Foreman tells him, and he gives him the benefit of the doubt because he's usually right. Cofield thinks that there might be another reason why Foreman is quick to wave away House's behavior.

"Getting House out of prison is the biggest decision you've made as Dean of Medicine, right? And if he's suspended as a result of this hearing, he violates his parole, and he goes back. And that probably leaves you as former Dean of Medicine. You didn't choose me to oversee this because you thought I could be objective. You chose me because you thought I'd have your back, and I'd think twice about making a decision that would get you fired. Eric, I'm sorry. But if your 'get House out of jail free' experiment blows up in your face, it's not my job to get you out of it."

"After you'd administered the heparin, I see there's a discharge order on the chart, and yet the patient never left." True, Adams tells Cofield. House wanted a therapeutic bath for Bill before he left, to make sure there weren't any residual chemicals from the blast. "But we wound up finding something," A large rash over Bill's chest. And Bill soon became agitated, saying, "I gotta get out of here. Just let me get out of here!"

Park and Adams disagreed on what the issue really was. Park thought that it was psychosis brought on by the steroids they'd given him, while Adams downplayed his "freak-out," and thought it was the rash that might kill him: invasive strep.
"I thought Park and Adams were both right, but that their conclusions were both wrong," Taub tells Cofield. He thought the neurological symptoms and the rash both pointed to an underlying disease. "Together with the lung, it added up to Wegener's. So how does House handle it when three smart doctors come up with three different, but equally valid ideas?"

"I run a diagnostic trial," House tells Cofield. He ordered high-dose steroids for Bill. "Multiple birds, single stone. If Taub is right, then he can walk out of here cured. If Adams is right, he'll spike a fever, get hypertensive, we can treat it, he can walk out of here cured. If Park is right, he goes all Cuckoo's Nest on us, we can cross brain off the list, diagnose him, he can walk out of here cured."

Cofield is beginning to wonder if House is actually trying to make this easy for him. "By your own admission, if you give the patient steroids, two of the three outcomes make him worse," he says. House maintains this was the fastest way to get a diagnosis, the perfect diagnostic moment. "In light of what happened, do you still think it was the perfect diagnostic moment?" Cofield asks. "Yes," House says. "My theory accounted for all the medical outcomes. It did not account for the disobedience of my own team."

"At the time, it seemed like a good idea." Adams is recalling to Cofield how Chase agreed that Bill's rash might be strep, and he wanted to do a biopsy. "I know this is hard, but please tell me exactly what happened next," Cofield says.

"2 cc's of lidocaine..." Adams draws the medicine from the bottle while Chase puts on his surgical gloves and gets the scalpel ready. Suddenly, Bill shoots out of bed, enraged. He grabs the scalpel and lunges at Adams, cutting her and knocking away the needle and the bottle. Chase tries to subdue him: "You're in a hospital! Calm down." They fight across the room, knocking over furniture and anything else in their path.

"So your position is that your team's disobedience caused this?" Cofield asks House. "So who do you blame? Dr. Adams or Dr. Chase? Or both?" House doesn't blame either one. "So who do you blame, Dr. House?"

During the scuffle, Taub and some orderlies race in to help. It takes two men to hold Bill, while Taub administers a sedative. Bill crumples to the ground and for a moment it's silent. Then Adams looks over to Chase: "Oh my God." He looks down and sees three-quarters of the scalpel sticking out of his chest. Stunned, Chase pulls out the scalpel and collapses. Taub and Adams immediately starting working on him. The scalpel had hit Chase's heart.

"Fortunately, only the knife tip reached the cardiac muscle," Adams tells Cofield. It made a finger tip-sized laceration in the left ventricle. Adams is struggling to maintain her composure. "At that moment, he could only stay alive as long as my finger plugged the hole. It could have been me on the floor. It should have been me. It was my theory. I held the needle in front of the patient that set off his paranoia. If you're looking for someone to blame, blame me."

The team races Chase through the hospital corridors to surgery, all the while Adams is on top of him with her finger in his chest.

"My diagnostic test worked. It proved the patient had a steroid-induced psychosis," House says to Cofield. "And that's what you took away from this situation?" Cofield asks. "Your colleague was stabbed. Are you telling me you didn't care?"

"How bad is it?" House gets to the operating room as they are working on Chase. "Bad," Taub says. But they are able to patch the laceration and Chase's blood pressure stabilizes. "What was his heart rate?" House asks. Park looks at him, confused. "He doesn't have one; he's on bypass."

But House isn't talking about Chase; he's talking about the patient. Adams can't believe it. "You're DDxing?" "Park, come with me. Taub's got this," House said.

"My friend is here because you didn't listen to me," she tells him. "I did listen to you!" House says. "Chase didn't listen to me. At this point, being here makes you feel better. You're not helping Chase or our patient." But it's clear that no one is going with House.

"So he just walked out?" Cofield asks Taub, who says that there really wasn't anything for House to do. "Speaks to a certain callousness on Dr. House's part. don't you think?" Cofield asks. Taub doesn't understand. Is callousness punishable now? "You agree that empathy is a useful quality for doctors?" But Taub doesn't think House is the problem.

"Your friend got stabbed," Cofield says. "He may die from those wounds. If you had been in that room, maybe it would have been you." Taub is quick to say he would not have been in the room. "Implicitly, you just said that Chase was at fault," Cofield realizes.

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House goes to Bill’s bloodied, destroyed hospital room, looking for anything that might help him with the diagnosis. He finds a tape from Bill’s heart rate monitor and immediately goes in search of the team, who are huddled around Chase’s bed following his surgery. "Lungs, rash, now excessive RR variability. Go." He really expected them to help diagnose Bill, who he now thought might have autonomic dysregulation, while Chase is clinging to life. The loud arguing that ensues wakes Chase. "You made it bud," Taub tells him. "You’re in the PACU. You’ve been in surgery. The anesthesia’s just wearing off," Adams says, as Chase tries to get his bearings. "Did I have an epidural?" Chase asked, and Taub told him no. "I can’t feel my legs."

"Dr. Chase? I’m Walter Cofield. I’m a neurologist..." Chase, in a recovery room, slowly removes his oxygen mask and cuts off Cofield. "I know who you are," he says. Does he feel up to answering some questions? "Well, it’s not like I can get up and run away," Chase says. It’s been some 12 hours now since he started interviewing House and the team. Cofield says that he’d been imagining Chase with orange hair this whole time. "I dyed it back," Chase says.

Cofield pulls out the recorder: "Were you angry with Dr. House?" It was just a prank, not uncommon. "May I ask why that matters? Are you trying to prove that I was distracted? That my judgment was compromised?" Chase asks. So who does he think was at fault for what happened to him? "I don’t think it was anyone’s fault," Chase tells him. "I was angry, but I wasn’t distracted. And I think that if there’s any chance that I’m going to walk again, it’s because Dr. House is a genius."

"What about warmth? Can you feel the sheets on your skin?" House asks Chase, but no, he can’t feel anything. House rejects Chase’s suggestion that it might be post-traumatic syringomyelia. "No, forget the nerves. Think arteries. Blood flow to his spinal column is cut off. There’s a clot in the radicular artery. Prep a room for an embolectomy. Let’s get that thing out of there before it does any more damage."

"There it is." Chase is awake and participating during the embolectomy, watching the team’s progress on a monitor. "Don’t get too excited," Taub warns him. "We’ve still got to get it out. It still could have done permanent damage." As they are working, House walked in. "Patient does not have autonomic dysregulation. There’s blood in his urine bag. Kidneys are failing." He wants them to DDx Bill while they are operating on Chase. "Got to be now," House says. "Foreman is transferring our guy to Princeton General as soon as there’s a bed available, since the doctors here can no longer be objective since the stabbing."

"In the middle of a procedure that could basically save your life, House is actually trying to drag people away? How do you work with a guy like that?" Cofield asks Chase. "He wasn’t trying to pull anybody away. Everyone had already refused to work on that case. He knew the answer," Chase says. "He wanted to check on me. But he needed an excuse. Otherwise, he could be accused of caring." "So, your testimony is that Dr. House’s complete lack of concern is evidence of his deep concern?" Cofield asks.

Chase nods, but then something catches Cofield’s eye. "Did you just do that?" he asks Chase, pointing to his feet. "What?" Chase asks. "Wiggle your toes," Cofield says. After a second there’s a slight twitch. Chase can’t believe it. Cofield takes a pen and runs it up the bottom of Chase’s foot. He can feel it.

"Congratulations. It was the clot." Chase should gain back at least some of the function. "One more thing, sorry: you knew that your patient was at risk for a psychotic break when you brought a scalpel within his reach. Why did you ignore that risk?" Chase is near tears from emotion. "I thought I was right about the rash. I would do it again." "I thought so," Cofield says, putting his recorder away. What does that mean? "You brazenly defied your boss. Now, that happened either because Dr. House has established that that’s OK in his world, or his prank war distracted you, or House makes medicine a game and you just wanted to beat him. Whatever the reason, it boils down to the fact that you may never walk again because House created an atmosphere that promotes recklessness."

"This will be our last round of questions," House and Cofield again sit across from one another, while outside it’s pouring rain. "I’ve spoken with Dr. Chase. You know he regained movement."

But House had no idea. Cofield turns off the recorder and leans back. "Are you really this indifferent to the fact that Dr. Chase is hurt?" Why can’t he even go tell Chase he’s sorry? "I didn’t do anything wrong," House maintains. "It’s not an admission of guilt. He’s your friend, and he’s not well," Cofield says. Chase is a coworker, House corrects him. "A coworker whom you’ve known for almost ten years, who nearly died and who’s still scared he may not walk."
House is unmoved.

"Are you going to have me fired for bad manners?" he asks, putting his feet up on the table and pulling out a Vicodin bottle. "I'm just trying to understand why a man in your position, with your abilities, is incapable of shaking the impulse to act like an ass," Cofield says. House wants to go back on the record so they can get this all over with. Cofield turns the recorder back on and then tells him to put the Vicodin away. "My leg hurts," House says. But as he pops the can open, there's an explosion of confetti. "Is that supposed to be funny?" Cofield asks, wiping away the debris from his desk. House smiles, but then he has a thought. "Two explosions," he says, getting up to leave. "We're not done here," Cofield tells him.

"Hey, hold on!" House catches up to Bill as he's being loaded into the ambulance to be transferred. But the paramedics were warned by Foreman not to listen to House. "Said to tell you he's no longer your patient." The ambulance drives away, but House finds Bill's wife. "Your husband has a tumor in his lymph nodes." She points out that he's been wrong every time so far. But he's convinced he's figured it out. "The explosion in the classroom caused the cancer cells to break open. It's called tumor lysis syndrome. His body's flooded with an excess of phosphates, potassium acids, all kinds of cancerous junk. It explains the paralysis, the bleeding, the heart and kidney issues, everything." And the psychotic break? "Turns out, we caused that," House tells her. She starts to walk away. "This is treatable! You have to tell the new doctors that he needs total body irradiation and plasmapheresis." But she doesn't want to hear anything from House.

"Where's Cofield?" House is walking back to the room Cofield was using just as Foreman is leaving. "I wasn't done testifying," "Apparently, you were," Foreman says. "He said he'd have his decision tomorrow."

The next day, House, Foreman, and the team, minus Chase, gather in the meeting room to wait for Cofield. He walks in, and places the familiar recorder down on the table. "This case is a fiasco. Didn't sleep last night. Dr. House is obviously brilliant. But Dr. House is also a fiasco. If I were to exonerate him, condone his completely reckless, immature, almost misanthropic behavior, I would essentially be sending the message to the other doctors in this hospital that it's OK to act that way." Just then, Bill's wife, Emily, rushes in. "I'm sorry. I came to speak with Dr. House. And when they told me he was in here, I thought I should say something. I mean, he wasn't the nicest doctor I've ever met. But he was right. They found the tumor. They are removing it and they are starting plasmapheresis. They expect a full recovery. He saved my husband's life. Well, I guess that's it. Thanks again."

After she leaves, Cofield resumes his statement. "As I was saying, Dr. House's process is dangerous, inappropriate. But he is effective. I've decided that I would be doing this hospital a disservice if I did anything to change that process. Congratulations, Dr. House. This unfortunate stabbing incident is officially nobody's fault." And he turns off the recorder. No one can quite believe it.

"Coward," House says to Cofield, noticing his file folder. "You've got like 20 pages of notes there. You were expecting to bore us for at least half an hour." House grabs the folder. "You've got my parole form in here. You were going to send me back to prison. Good things usually happen. Bad things sometimes happen. That fact that that would-be widow came in just in time to sob all over your soft, mushy heart, the fact that her husband's going to live, does not change whether or not I did the right thing!" House walks out.

"How'd you get the firing wire into the Vicodin bottle without me noticing?" House finds Chase in a physical therapy room, painfully learning to walk again. "What was the point of the orange hair?" Chase asks. House tells him his hair smelled like Adams. "And since there's no way that you're doing her without me knowing, it means you're just doing her shampoo. Which means you were out late drinking with some new girl, or, because there is no new girl, trying to make up time by showering at the hospital, because you're too lazy to buy your own shampoo. So I found a way to let you know to not be late." "You couldn't just ask me to stop being late?" Chase asks. "What fun would that be?" House says. "None of this is fun, House," Chase says, as he's breathing heavy and trying to steady himself on parallel bars.

"They've decided that your being stabbed was nobody's fault. They're wrong," House tells him, looking down. "I'm sorry." "Anything else?" Chase asks. "I'm kind of busy." "Nope, that was it," House says, and walks out.
"You’re bleeding through your bandage." The beautiful woman who wakes up next to Chase points out the drops of blood on his chest. "Shouldn’t we get you to a doctor?" They didn’t do a lot of talking the previous night. His phone rings, but Chase slowly and painfully rolls himself over and grabs his crutches, hobbling to the bathroom to take some pain medication. "You never told me what caused your accident," the woman says. "I was stabbed by a patient," he tells her, casually. "That’ll teach me to over-bill." When he picks up his phone he sees a new text: "ding dong."

House is at the door, and he notices the woman in the background scrambling to put her clothes on. "If she likes crippled guys, I’m free for the next six minutes." But Chase isn’t in the mood for jokes, or for House. "What do you want?" he asks. House begins, "45-year-old truck driver, recurrent seizures..."

Chase cuts him off, annoyed. "Does this look like a good time?" "At least as good as the other 12 times that I’ve called and paged you in the last three weeks," House says. He would apologize again to Chase, but he hasn’t accepted House’s first apology. "You do work for me. I am entitled to ask when you’re coming back." But Chase doesn’t know when - or if - he’s coming back. "If you’ve got a problem with that, fire me," he tells House, shutting the door.

"It’s good to see you in the hospital. As a patient, if not as a doctor," Foreman says as he drops in on Chase’s physical therapy. Foreman can sense that Chase isn’t quite as "fine" as he says he is. "I know you. If all you do is physical therapy - and your nighttime version of it - you’ll lose your mind faster than you regain those fine motor skills." Maybe putting in some time in the clinic would help.

"I have this terrible pain in my left shoulder." Chase walks into an exam room to see two nuns, the younger one complaining of the shoulder pain, but no chest pain or lightheadedness. "She’d been helping to make the altar breads that morning, but no hard physical work or repetitive motion," the older nun explains of the onset of the woman, Moira’s, pain.
Chase finds enlarged lymph nodes and wants to first rule out breast cancer. "I'm going to do a quick breast exam. Do you mind stepping out for a moment?" he asks the older nun. When she leaves, Chase is free to talk about another possibility: angina, made worse by stress.

"Might not be a coincidence that the pain started on the verge of a major life change," he says. Moira’s blue veil gave her away to Chase as a postulant, meaning she hasn’t actually taken her vows yet. And the brown vestments mean they’re Carmelites, cloistered nuns. That explains why she has a chaperone to a doctor visit. "I was a seminarian," Chase tells Moira, though he never took his vows. "Cassock made my ass look fat," he jokes, relaxing her.

As Chase begins the exam, Moira admits she is having second thoughts about her decision. "A life of perpetual enclosure and almost complete silence? If you weren’t wrestling with this, I’d say there was something really wrong with you," Chase says. More worryingly, Chase finds a mass. He’s going to admit her to check it out.

"It’s just a benign fat deposit." Wilson consults with Chase, but he doesn’t see any sign of cancer. And her stress test was fine, too, so it’s not angina. "Is it possible she hurt her shoulder?" It’s House, followed by Park, Adams, and Taub. Chase looks at Wilson, who protests his innocence in leading House to him. "You were being cagey about where you were going," House says of Wilson. "And Chase being cagey in general, good chance I’d find the two of you in the same cage."

Chase makes it clear he doesn’t want House’s help with Moira’s case, but that doesn’t stop House from giving a diagnosis: "Your soul sister is having a fungal infection from the unprocessed wheat in the altar breads. Explains the shoulder pain and the jumbo lymph nodes."

"Ever surf Kirra Point?" Chase is a bit taken aback by Moira’s question. "I’ve surfed all over the Gold Coast. Don’t tell me you have?" She hasn’t, but she grew up surfing on Maui. "If you don’t mind me asking, why are you becoming a nun?" Chase asks. He knows she’s older than most postulants. What was her life like before this? "Worked as a nanny. Moved around a lot. Bunch of failed relationships," Moira says.

"And then what: God spoke to you? You heard the calling?" Chase asks. Moira looks like she isn’t sure if he’s being sarcastic or not. "Something like that," she says. "Does there have to be some dramatic moment where the skies part?"

For Chase, with his father working a lot and his mother’s alcoholism, he was in Catholic school most of the time. "Priests and nuns were the closest I had to family," he says. "Turned out that wasn’t much of a reason to join the priesthood." Suddenly, Moira bolts upright in bed. "I think I may throw up." Chase hands her a bowl. It’s not a fungal infection.

"You’re probably wondering why the soda balloons." Chase ambles over to House, who’s filling balloons on the second-floor walkway overlooking the lobby. "You’re not the only one whose life spiraled out of control when you got knifed in the ventricle. Taub has decided..." But Chase doesn’t care. "I need help with my patient. She’s vomiting. That’s not from a fungal infection."

House wants Chase to admit that he’s "a confused mess" first, but Chase knows that even though the case isn’t that interesting, House will find Chase’s interest in the case interesting, and won’t be able to help himself. "When you put it that way," House says, "ascending cholangitis." He bombs a balloon down toward Taub, but Taub deftly moves out of the line of fire. "Can’t be," Chase says. "Bilirubin’s normal." "Clinical signs can show up days before lab signs," House says, hurling another bomb, but again outmaneuvered by Taub.

"She can’t feel her foot at all." When Chase gets back to Moira’s room, the older nun, Sister Joan, is there, too. Moira is worried now. "What does this mean?" It means he’ll be spending more time consulting with House.

"I need more help. My patient has a new symptom: ischemic foot." Chase seeks out House and the team while they’re DDxing another patient in House’s outer office. "Get the lecture out of your system so we can talk about my case." House moves toward the whiteboard, seemingly to hang up his cane. "Let me start with an allegory..." But he quickly grabs a paint gun and aims it at Taub, who just as quickly grabs a tray and shields himself from the multiple shots. Now Chase’s curiosity is piqued.

"Your overreaction to your stabbing is to blame me, even as you’re drawn to me; Taub’s is to take moronic self-defense classes that won’t defend him against anything," House says, quickly aiming again at Taub, who raises his shield just in time. "Krav Maga," Taub says. "Which helped me block your shot, and will continue to help me defend myself in a building full of drugged-up
strangers.” House is trying to prove to Taub that unexpected things happen, and no class can help you prepare for them.

Adams wonders if Moira has a vasospasm. "That would explain everything but the lymph nodes. And any minor infection could have caused those," Chase agrees.

"Are you OK?" Adams catches up to Chase by the elevator. "I almost got you killed by bringing a scalpel into that room. I could feel better about that," Chase says. But he saved her life, too. "How can you not be traumatized?" Adams asks. Chase nonchalantly tells her that he can't change what happened. "Can only make better choices from here." If he's so Zen about it all, then why's he hanging on to his anger toward House? "I'm seeing a trauma counselor," she tells him. "I think you should, too." But he insists he's all right.

"You're using an iPod. I've never seen you use rosary beads." Chase is becoming curious about Moira's commitment to her decision. She's still on temporary vows now, though. When he quizzes her on contradictory Bible passages, she tells him that he can't argue away her faith. And not because it's so strong, but because it's not. "I'm not saying I don't have faith. I just haven't felt the calling yet." She's drawn to the silence and the order that she needs. "I'm hoping everything else will come later." Chase can't believe it.

"What you're headed towards now, 14 hours a day in silent prayer" he says. "Never having a family. Never touching another human being." But Moira has already heard from the nurses about Chase. "Nothing's wrong with having fun," he says.

"They said you were almost killed three weeks ago. You go right back to fun?" she asks. Is that why she wants to be a nun, because someone broke her heart? "No, I'm just looking for something more," she tells him. "So am I," Chase says.

"Really? George Washingbaum?" Chase walks into the next exam room and sees Taub waiting for him. He's just hiding from House for a while. Chase is about to leave, but then he asks if Taub thinks the self-defense classes are making a difference. "Not as much as House's surprise attacks," Taub says. "He thinks three steps ahead, so I do, too. Which is why you should accept his apology and come back to the team. He's annoying, he's maddening, but he makes us all better."

"Looks like you're ready to go home." Chase examines Moira, whose foot is better and shoulder pain is gone. "I'll get the car and meet you out front," Sister Joan says. After she leaves, Moira tells Chase about her past. "Six years ago, I was a nanny in Honolulu for this beautiful two-year-old boy. I loved him. Probably spent more time with him than his own parents. One day I was in the park, talking with another nanny, he wandered out of the sandbox into the street, into the path of a moving car."

Chase tells her she shouldn't blame herself, or run away from what could still be a good life. "I'm running to God," Moira says. "After what happened, don't you want to remake your life?" She knows it will be hard, especially not being able to touch anyone. Chase takes her hand briefly, before she leaves.

"Who knew Mother Inferior was a smoking hottie?" Chase's hand-holding didn't escape House's attention. "You think I'm hitting on a nun?" Chase asks. "Angry at God or just need a challenge?" But House has a third alternative: "You're terrified of intimacy, which is why you're a serial slut. But right now, you're grasping at an emotional life raft. Ideally, someone for whom intimacy is not an option."

"I'm talking to this agent. He's a bit of a sleaze, but he's really excited about representing me." Later that evening, Chase is dining with a woman as she talks about her career. He's trying to look interested - and failing. "Am I boring you?" the woman asks. "Unfortunately, yeah," Chase says. When he arrives home, he sees Moira waiting at the door of his apartment. "You were right. I was running away," she says. She takes his hand, and they kiss.

"So, are we going to spend the rest of eternity in a lake of fire, while pointy-tailed demons poke at us with sticks?" Chase asks Moira the next morning, when they wake up together. "This is a little scary for me," she admits. "I had a whole life planned. Not that I wasn't struggling with it. And then I met you. Don't worry - I know you're not the relationship type." She plans to try to rebuild her old life, get an apartment, get her job back.

Suddenly, she looks confused. "Moira?" Chase asks. "I'm sorry, did you say something?" she asks. He brushes back her hair and notices a huge lump on her neck. "Are your ears ringing?" he asks. "Yeah. What does that mean?" She starts coughing up blood, all over Chase. "We've got to get you back to the hospital right away," he says.
"The artery that's bringing blood to your brain, it's coming apart. It means you could stroke," Chase tells Moira as he races her to the hospital. The lump on her neck is huge now. When they arrive and she's placed on a gurney, she starts making strange sounds. Chase asks her to repeat a phrase, but it comes out all jumbled.

"Carotid dissection. 4-inch pulsatile mass in her neck and some Broca's aphasia. It's got to be a clot keeping her from bleeding out." Chase is scrubbing in and telling the team about Moira. When House walks in, he sees the blood, now dried, on Chase's neck and deduces what happened. "Cut yourself shaving? You know that can happen when the nun you woke up with coughs blood on you."

A nurse interrupts them: the clot broke. Moira is pale white, and blood is draining from her nose. Chase is planning to do the operation himself, but the team objects. "Your judgment's compromised," Adams says. "I spent the night with her. It doesn't change how I make an incision," Chase argues. Adams looks to House for support, but House tells Chase to do the surgery.

"You're not going to put her on bypass?" Taub and Adams question Chase's decision to clamp Moira now, and risk stroke, rather than wait half an hour for the bypass to be set up. "She's already got neurological symptoms. If we wait 30 minutes she'll definitely have brain damage," Chase says. If he gets it done in five minutes, she won't stroke out. "You don't know that you will. And you can't know because you can't think clearly about her," Adams says.

But they're soon over five minutes, and Chase is still suturing the wound in Moira's neck. He's going to start lightening the anesthesia, before finishing closing the wound. "Can you hear me?" he asks Moira, as she comes around. She nods her head. "Repeat this: no ifs, ands, or buts," Chase says. She's able to repeat the phrase. It worked.

"We removed the artery. Found nodules." Chase asks House for advice, but House is more interested in finding Taub for another sneak attack. He spies on Taub slowly and carefully walk down the hall, looking terrified that House appear at any moment.

"Plaques could be confused for nodules," House says. "Which would mean..." "Syphilis," Chase realizes. It would explain the shoulder and foot involvement. "Hope you practiced immaculate contraception." He cocks a giant water cannon from behind a column, then turns toward the hall, to shoot Taub. "Boo-yah!" House screams, as he fires. Except the water sprays right in his own face. "'Boo-yah' to you, too," Taub says.

"But I hadn't had sex in years." Moira is confused about the diagnosis. "Tertiary syphilis means you've had the disease for at least that long," Chase explains. It's probably not contagious at this point, so Chase likely doesn't have it."

Moira still looks worried. "Can it cause hallucinations? While I was on the operating table - it didn't feel like a dream - I saw the boy who I was caring for, the one who died. He walked right up to me. He just held my hand. It was like he forgave me. Do you think that's crazy?" Chase tells her it should give her solace, help her to move on.

"You slept with your patient?" Adams wasted no time in reporting Chase to Foreman, who's furious. "You're off the case. Even though he saved her from brain damage? "She's still sick," Foreman says. "If she dies, we'll be in the middle of a brand-new investigation. I gave you time, leeway, and you decided to do whatever the hell you wanted."

Chase can't believe it. "House can dance all over the rules, get me knifed, and he gets a pass," he says. "I break a rule, no one gets hurt, but you kick me off my own case?" And he's angry with Adams. "I took that scalpel for you!" "That's why I did this," she tells him. "Three weeks ago, you never would have slept with a patient. And you never would have operated on her after. You need help."

"I need to get away from House, and anything that reminds me of him," Chase says. "By breaking the rules, not caring what anybody else thinks... you're going to get away from him by turning into him?" Adams asks. Suddenly their beepers go off.


"The liver failure could be from intraoperative hypertension." The team is discussing Moira's latest symptom, even though Chase technically isn't supposed to be working on it. But when all options are eliminated, they're left with liver failure as another symptom of whatever Moira's got. Trousseau's syndrome could send clots, cause the ischemic foot. Add the enlarged lymph node, macrocytosis," Taub begins. "Disseminated T-cell lymphoma," Park finishes Taub's thought. Wilson only ruled out breast cancer.
Chase asks about sarcoidosis, but there's no evidence to back it up. "Then we've got to biopsy," he says. "Yeah, Foreman's clearly wrong. You're clearly not grasping at straws, because you're clearly not emotionally involved," House says. "I know you want to believe that this is something you can cure. It's not. I'm sorry."

"How soon will they know if it's cancer?" Moira asks Chase. It'll only be a few hours. "And if it is?" she asks. He halfheartedly tells her there's always chemo. "You say that like it's not going to work," Moira says. "It could extend your life," he tells her. Years? Chase shakes his head. "I'll be here as much as you need," he says.

Moira smiles. "You still never told me why you left the seminary," she says. He tells her that he was caught with the wife of the groundskeeper. "Got me with a rake. Those scars on my ass, you may have noticed?" She laughs. "Why didn't you tell me that before?" "Because it was so shallow. I wasn't exactly wrestling with great theological questions," he says.

But Moira thinks there's more to it. "You don't sleep with the groundskeeper's wife unless you're struggling with whether you belong there," she says. He always wanted to believe. "It made my life easier, but it never took." "Doesn't... mean... it's too late," Moira says, struggling to get the words out. Her jaw feels heavy.

"She has jaw claudication," Chase tells House. Claudication with carotid dissection might mean giant cell arteritis. House thinks she should be put on steroids. "She's gonna live," Chase says. "Yeah, and then what?" House asks.

"They say my liver function's better, that I can get out of here soon," Moira says. She's looking forward to leaving, and Chase already has plans: a surfing trip to Mexico. Moira looks concerned. "What's wrong?" Chase asks. "I spoke to the prioress. I felt the calling," she says. She's going back. It was when she saw the vision of the boy. "I felt God's love. His grace. I've been waiting my entire life for that."

"It's not real," Chase tells her. "You felt oxygen deprivation. You felt your brain releasing noradrenaline. He didn't tell her that before because he wanted her to move on with her life. "I wanted to reassure you. I wanted you to feel better." And now? "I think I love you," he says.

"Noradrenaline and Near-Death Experiences." House is reading an article over Chase's shoulder. Chase wants to show Moira that what she's feeling is just chemical. "She's throwing away her life because of blind faith," he says. "So are you," House says. "She's found something she wants to build her life around. It's a total illusion, but apparently she'll take a little ignorance with her bliss. You want to take that away. Either your relationship just blows up like every other non-magical romance, or she stays with you but blames you for stripping all the meaning out of her life."

Chase thinks House just doesn't like that he's reassessing his life and wants to make some changes. "You're incapable of human connection, so you want everyone to be like you," Chase says.

"If I wanted you to be like me, I would be urging you to make a stupid, stubborn decision that blows up your life and leaves you lonely and miserable," House responds. "You reassess your life when you've made mistakes. You didn't. You just got stabbed."

When Chase walks back to Moira's room with the article he printed, he can see she's holding rosary beads and praying to herself. He throws the report away. Later, he's there when she's getting ready to leave with Sister Joan. "I'm happy I knew you," he says. "So am I," Moira tells him. He walks away, but she follows him into the hall, and takes his hand for a last time.

"Don't look at the book." Chase stops by a room where Park is getting ready to perform a procedure she hasn't done since her residency. She knows all the steps, but she doesn't want to make a mistake. Chase talks her through it.

Later, Foreman is presenting a case to House and the team: "24-year-old water treatment worker with pyrexia and double-vision..." Chase, clean-shaven and wearing his white coat, takes a deep breath and pulls up a chair at the table. Foreman slides the case file over to him, and House looks over, approvingly.
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Guest Stars: Karolina Wydra (Dominika Patrova), Rena Sofer (Marlene Reese), Jake Weber (Joe Reese), Jose Zuniga (Nate Weinmann), John Gloria (Calvin Ayres), Duane R. Shepard Sr. (Hastings), Mykee Selkin (Staff Member), Denny Siegel (Diane), Joseph Falasca (Phil)
Production Code: HOU-813
Summary: While the team treats a marriage counselor whose personality seems at odd with his motivational message, House and his green-card wife Dominika try to fool Immigration.

"Let’s get back to Phil and Diane. Phil’s been having a hard time finding work, and Diane wants him to talk to her about his fear, his disappointment. And Phil wants Diane to trust him that they’ll get through this, ideally without having to keep discussing feelings.” Joe, a sandy-haired marriage counselor in khakis and a sweater, is speaking to an audience of troubled couples. Men are dinosaurs, Joe says. But it’s not all their fault. They’ve been raised to be strong and unemotional and to project invulnerability. Nobody needs us to hunt wild animals for food.

Nobody needs us to cut down trees to build shelter,” he says. The audience laughs and nods in all the right places.

But Joe is sweating now. "Since the 1960s, women’s roles have shifted radically,” he continues, taking a drink of water, as his wife begins to look worried offstage. "And as their roles have changed... so have women...” He’s struggling to pull the words together. "They’re expecting us to...” Joe collapses onstage as the audience gasps and his wife runs to him.

House begins, "38-year-old man, spikes a fever and collapses during a speaking engagement. E.R. checks out blood volume, cardiac function, and autonomic reflexes. All normal.” House brings Joe’s case to the team, which once again includes Chase, whose limp is nearly gone. He’s surprised that House didn’t add a psych symptom: "Patient makes a living telling men to be more like women.”

In fact, House thinks that Joe’s philosophy makes perfect sense, except that it’s impossible. "Evolution does not work that way. You can’t talk legs onto a fish,” he says. The real cynic is Adams, who thinks that Joe is just playing to his audience. "Women are by far the biggest consumers of the self-help industry.”
Taub suggests that Joe might have a pulmonary embolism; he wants to do a pulmonary angiogram, but Adams thinks since Joe doesn’t have risk factors for an embolism, they should start with a D-dimer test. "Less invasive than the angiogram," Taub agrees. "Good idea."

Everyone’s being awfully polite this morning, and it doesn’t escape House’s attention. He announces that he’s looking for a new "No. 2," someone to fill Foreman’s old job, but before he even gets started, his "wife," Dominika, walks past the office, beckoning him. She’s started her own Ukranian food truck business in Atlantic City, but her - their - Green Card interview is in four days: "They come to the apartment, they ask questions about marriage, vacations, family history, what side of the bed each sleep on."

House seems a little hesitant, considering they’ve never taken a vacation, he knows nothing about her family, and the side of the bed he likes to sleep on is "top." "Can it be that genius doctor is afraid to take on a silly government apparatchik," Dominika says, smiling. She decides she’ll make him an offer he can’t refuse.

"How long’ve you been doing seminars?" Taub and Adams are preparing Joe’s test in his hospital room. "Marriage counseling, just the past couple of years," Joe tells them. "Before that, I did corporate coaching," Adams pointedly suggests that Joe shifted with the market. "There’s nothing cynical about my husband," Joe’s wife, Marlene, contends.

But Joe’s heard it all before: "What guy thinks men should be more like women? A macho jerk who got a big wake-up call, courtesy of three drunks who beat the crap out of me outside a sports bar in Milwaukee." This would explain the broken wrist in Joe’s medical history. Joe says that those "morons" did him a big favor, explaining, "I realized I’d sacrificed my health because I couldn’t back down from an argument, over football. Meeting Marlene was the final piece of the puzzle. She changed my career, my diet. She gave me a whole new direction in life." So, about that diet change?

"I need my apartment key back." House wants to give Dominika the key Wilson has, but there’s a snag: "You’re an ex-con. If you get caught perjuring yourself to Homeland Security, you’ll end up back in jail," Wilson says. How does he plan to not get caught when he and Dominika barely know each other? "And why? Dominika gets a Green Card. What’s in this for you?" "This is what men do for the women that they pretend to love," House says. And also there’s the $30,000 she promised him if they pass the interview.

"D-dimer came back normal. Rules out pulmonary embolism." Taub gives House Joe’s lab results. Adams adds that Joe’s "spiritual overhaul" came roughly three years ago. "He also went off gluten and red meat. Unfortunately, that doesn’t explain any of his symptoms." She’s come around on her cynicism as well: "What this guy believes is making him a better person. He’s going against his baser instincts."

House against points out that biology makes this impossible. "That’s the kind of lapse that could take you out of the running for team leader," he tells Adams. Just as Park is throwing her own name in the ring (after hearing about the $50 a week raise), House has an epiphany about Joe: "This spiritual overhaul - did it come after a physical overhaul? A major injury of some kind?"

"Did those dudes bend your ball sack like Beckham?" House is quizzing Joe on the beatdown that led to his new direction in life. By way of experiment, House first drops something and makes Adams bend over and pick it up, then does the same thing with Chase. Both times, Joe never took his eyes off House. House thinks what Joe actually had was a hot flash. "Those guys kicked your guys hard enough to do lasting damage. "Do a blood test to confirm, and start hormone replacement," he tells Chase and Adams, leaving Joe and Marlene stunned. "It’s no wonder that you think women are so great. You’ve basically been one for these past three years."

"Test confirmed House is right. Low testosterone explains all your symptoms. They should go away with replacement therapy." Taub is going to give Joe a high dose, explaining that Joe’s personal physician may reduce the dosage over time. Marlene casually asks if the shots will increase Joe’s libido, saying it’s not that she’s been unsatisfied, "but it’s usually me that initiates things. Sometimes I think that maybe you aren’t that attracted to me." Taub assures her there should be an increase in Joe’s sex drive, but no sooner does he give Joe the shot than Joe realizes he urinated on himself. "I don’t think you’re going home just yet," Taub says.

"It’s not a plumbing problem. Means it’s probably neurological." Chase gives House the low-down, while also quizzing him on the names of Dominika’s three brothers. House isn’t having a lot of luck remembering the details of her life. "I find it hard to remember things that I don’t
give a crap about," he says. Park thinks that maybe Joe’s testicular damage just set the stage for something worse: "Multiple sclerosis causes incontinence and progresses faster in men with low T." House is sufficiently impressed to give her the leadership position. Of course, she was the only applicant. "Have your underlings do an LP, and get a craniospinal MRI to check for plaques associated with MS. I will go tell Foreman about your promotion."

Suddenly, Chase and Adams are interested in the job. "I just feel like it should go to someone with more seniority," Chase says. Taub thinks the position is meaningless, since House is a dictator. "It doesn’t have to be meaningless at all," Adams says. "The right person could turn it into something. Get the department running smoothly." Chase has an idea who Adams thinks that right person should be.

"So, if these proteins are in my spinal fluid, that means I have MS?" Joe is concerned as Taub and Adams perform the LP, but he’s even more concerned about the effect the testosterone shot is having on him. "It’s making me feel kind of different, amped." What if his big, meaningful life change was nothing more than a chemical reaction? "Loss of testosterone could have been a factor," Adams says. "But think of it as a catalyst. It got you to reevaluate. Now you know what’s important. You can choose to hold on to that."

"Just tell House to drop the whole 'Team Leader' thing. It’s the only way it’ll go away." Chase is prevailing upon Foreman to put a stop to House’s latest game. But Foreman thinks it might not be a bad idea to impose a little structure, and have someone on the team with a some accountability. "As long as it’s not Adams," Chase says. "She sees the whole thing as an opportunity to remake the department in her image. Or Park, for obvious reasons. And Taub’s got the kids. He’s pretty busy."

"Are you seriously angling for a job you mocked as fake the whole time I had it?" Foreman asks. Chase claims not to want the job. "You just don’t want anyone else to have it," Foreman says.

"Your grandmother’s kind of sexy." House hangs a black-and-white drawing of a dour old man in a Russian fur hat in his living room, as Dominika explains that the picture is actually of a famous Ukrainian poet. Together they move House’s coffee table so she has room to do her dance aerobics. "Fun, and good for the butt!" she says. No time for that, though, as Park arrives to help them study for the interview. "You have a limited amount of time to learn a ton of uninteresting facts. Welcome to my wheelhouse." Seems like maybe Park is currying favor for that Team Leader position. "Do you really think this guy’s going to Hulk out once the hormones kick in?" Adams and Taub are watching Joe in the MRI chamber from the booth. "Some male lizards do push-ups to attract mates. When scientists gave them extra testosterone, they did push-ups until they died," Taub says. So masculinity is ingrained and irrational? "By extension," Adams says, "you’re also saying femininity is enlightened and rational. It’s the way we should all be. Guys just aren’t capable of it." So far the MRI is clean, so it doesn’t look like MS. "Something’s wrong," they hear Joe say. "I’m seeing double."

"Smile! It’s your honeymoon." Park is helping House and Dominika stage candid photos in House’s office to flesh out their history. "So, what causes double vision on top of all the other symptoms?" House asks, between poses. Meanwhile, Chase has brought in a video game system for House, and Adams is wearing an unusually low-cut top, efforts to influence House’s decision. "What happened to not letting House get to you? You’re like lemmings," Taub says. "Marching off the cliff of competitive humiliation." He thinks Joe has myasthenia gravis. "Extraocular muscle weakness leads to double vision, atonic bladder leads to incontinence. Could have been triggered when his T got really low."

"Smooth," House notices. "You let the rest of them compete, tear each other to pieces, then you swoop in with the save. Start the patient on IVIG and plasmapheresis." When the others leave, Taub speaks to House alone. "You think you want this, but it’s a bad idea. Everybody was playing nice, and in your world nice doesn’t solve cases. But after what happened, a little bonding is a good thing. We still have ideas. We still argue. Maybe it could work better if we appreciate each other." House calls Taub’s own manliness into question. "Studies have shown that raising kids lowers testosterone levels in men. "The more involved you are, the lower it gets." "Right, having kids has neutered me," Taub says. "Or maybe it’s helped me finally grow up."

"How’re you feeling?" Adams asks Joe. "As long as I keep my eyes closed I feel pretty good. Really good, actually. I’ve got energy. I feel confident, clear." When Marlene comes in with a hamburger for Joe, he not only comments on how good she looks in her jeans, but he tells her
he wants to move ahead with a business decision he’d been putting off.

"Vadir is the brother she worries about the most, ever since Lupa passed." House and Dominika are using Wilson's office to practice their upcoming interview, with Park standing in as the interviewer. "Sorry, but this is the closest we could find to the cold, soulless offices of a government bureaucracy," House tells Wilson. As he's about to leave to try and a place to work, Wilson can't help but overhear House's detailed answer about one of Dominika's high school friends. "Wrong," Wilson says. "The right answer is the wrong answer. No husband would pay that much attention to his wife's friend dramas." He's not happy about it, but he'll help House and Dominika prepare.

"So, are you going for this Team Leader thing?" Park asks Chase. She tells him he deserves it, because he's got much more experience, though she does have medical school debt and her parents need the money. "If you're going to game me, you'll have to do better than that," Chase says. Meanwhile, even though Joe says he's seeing clearly now, Park notices that the whites of his eyes are actually yellow. It's jaundice.

"So much for myasthenia gravis." It's back to square one for the team. Adams announces, with some extra authority (and while doing some light bookkeeping for House), that she's fairly sure Joe has sarcoidosis. Chase says that's a long shot. And Taub still thinks Joe might have myasthenia gravis. After all, his vision did get better. "Liver problems could be a sign of celiac," Adams admits. "He's been back on gluten since he's been in the hospital. Yesterday, he had a burger." But Chase doubts that Joe has two unrelated diseases, in addition to the low testosterone. Park says it's Lyme disease. Absent a better answer, House orders antibiotics to treat for Lyme.

"I asked the nurse for an extra pillow. That was half an hour ago." Joe is fidgety and anxious as Chase is setting up the antibiotics. "It's a pillow. I mean how hard can a pillow... Listen to me, I'm being a jerk." Chase thinks it's good at least that he noticed and adjusted. When Marlene arrives, she tells Joe she was surprised he changed the terms of an upcoming deal, to give her more money and better billing, even though it might risk the whole deal. "It'll be fine," he assures her.

"These are such pretty flowers you buy for me... every Friday from Japanese florist." Dominika is running through some last-minute prep details with House. There's a knock on the door. "Dr. and Mrs. Gregory House?" a drab, depressed looking man asks. "Nate Weinmann, U.S. Immigration."

"Give him time." Back at the hospital, Chase is reassuring Marlene that Joe is basically going through puberty again, and it'll take some time for him to adjust. She pulls out a laptop. "I tracked down a video from one of Joe's coaching seminars, from before I knew him," she says. It's a very, very different Joe. "I'm hearing a lot about the value of compromise," says the Joe in the video, with slicked back hair and a power tie. "We don't live on Sesame Street. We live in the real world. The business world. If you're not a winner, you're a loser." Is this the real Joe? "I never would have gone out with the guy in this video," she tells Chase.

"Uh, let me see. That would be August - no, no, July. Because, I remember it was right after our half-anniversary, and I forgot to put a gift in her suitcase, and I've never heard the end of that one." House is laboring to answer a question about a trip Dominika took recently. "So, everything looks good in here," Weinmann says. "I'm just going to step out and get a corroborating interview from one of the neighbors..." Oops. Dominika hadn't thought of that. "It's middle of the day," Dominika says, trying to appear calm. "I think everybody's at work." But he says it's just a formality. "And you will be on your way to permanent status."

When he leaves House's apartment, he eyes someone who looks like they're just getting home. "Excuse me," Weinmann says, "Do you know Dr. and Mrs. House?" It's Wilson, and he confirms the relationship, while putting on the strangest accent. It's all going well... until the real occupant of the apartment shows up. "You're that guy who plays noisy video games with House on Saturday nights!" "There's a simple explanation," House insists. "Be in my office tomorrow at 10," Weinmann says.

"The patient's shown zero improvement," Taub tells House via speakerphone. "Where are you?" "Oh just chilling. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration. Waiting on my fraud interview with my wife and my attorney. No big." Taub is still convinced it's myasthenia gravis and celiac disease. "The change in diet has to be significant." House's lawyer makes him hang up, but as soon as he does, Wilson calls. "You need to save yourself. I was up last night, trying to find another angle,
but I can’t. Tell Immigration you were in love with Dominika, but your marriage fell apart, and that’s why you haven’t been living together.” But then she’ll be deported. "There’s no getting out of this," Wilson says. "The best you can hope for is that you don’t go back to jail.” It’s time for the meeting. House tells Wilson to tell the team to give Joe’s antibiotics more time.

"I drew a line in the sand, and I won. We should be celebrating." Joe’s aggressive behavior is becoming more of an issue for Marlene. "Are you seriously busting my chops because I made one little move without you?" he asks, belligerently. "How about stepping aside, and letting me be the man in the relationship for a change!" Adams notices that Joe hasn’t finished his sandwich. "I’d like to do one more test."

"The testimony of one angry, nearsighted neighbor shouldn’t outweigh all other evidence." House’s lawyer is doing all he can in the meeting with Weinmann. "We acknowledge the neighbor thing was a mistake, but that doesn’t mean that all the other documentation should just be thrown out." Weinmann isn’t buying a word of it. "USCIS will be denying Miss Patrova’s Green Card application. You’ll be referred to immigration court for deportation proceedings. And we’re going to inform your parole officer about evidence of fraud. So, unless anybody has anything else to add..."

Dominika looks to House, who says nothing, and then to Weinmann. "Please, I am begging, do not send him back to jail. Maybe we have not lived together all these..." House’s lawyer quickly chimes in to advise House not to continue. "This man and I, did we marry for love? No. But this past week, we have a lot of fun, working really hard to fool U.S. government. It was fake, but it felt real. Maybe because it’d become real. This man, my husband, I want to stay with him. But if I cannot, please send me away and let him be free."

Turning to House, she says, "I love you." Weinmann is unconvinced, but he knows a judge might believe her. "I’m going to let you stay. But, for the next six months, I’m going to hold onto this file, and our investigators are going to show up unannounced at 6 a.m., 11 at night, and they better find the two of you sitting on the couch watching "NCIS," eating ice cream from the same spoon, or both of you will be sent to places far less pleasant than New Jersey." When they leave, House has to ask about what she said. "Don’t worry," she tells him. "I’m much too smart to be falling in love with you. I will be needing extra shelf in bathroom."

"Abdominal biopsy showed flattened villi," Adams tells Taub in the lab. "Looks like you were right about celiac." Didn’t Chase just get stabbed for doing a test House didn’t order? Taub thinks she just did it to score points over Chase and Park. "We were right. I proved it, and the patient didn’t bleed out. Why are you being a jerk about this?" Adams asks. But then they’re both paged: Joe is having trouble breathing.

"His breathing’s stabilized, but his lung function is at 60 percent, and his liver is tanking," Taub tells the team. Plus, he has major celiac symptoms, but doesn’t have celiac. Adams suggests a parasitic infection, strongyloides, which can damage the small intestine. Joe was in Puerto Rico recently, one of the only places in the U.S. where he could have picked it up. But the treatment is ivermectin. "If you give that to someone with liver problems, he could have seizures, or worse," Taub says. House gives the go-ahead.

"I was wondering if we overlooked a symptom... or something." House catches Taub watching one of Joe’s tough-talking coaching seminars. "Adams and I both thought the patient could have celiac, but only she was willing to go out on a limb and run the test." "And now you’re in here watching a motivational speech. Even your attempt to get your balls back lacks balls," House tells him.

Then Taub notices something: Joe’s voice is much lower on the DVD than it is now. "If only there was a good reason for a professional speaker to be hoarse," House says. Taub looks deflated. House asks him to pull up a different video. In it, Joe clears his throat a couple of times. "You bailed too early," House says. "Now I get all the credit."

"Chronic hoarseness is a symptom of a condition called silent thyroiditis," House tells Joe. He’s not hoarse now, but he was three years ago. The silent thyroiditis comes and goes, and is itself a symptom of polyglandular autoimmune syndrome type III. "PAS III attacks the body’s own endocrine system, moving from gland to gland. It started in the thyroid, and probably helped along by your low testosterone, moved on to the gut.” Where is caused celiac disease, or at least it would have if Joe hadn’t been on a gluten-free diet. "Eventually PAS III attacks your thymus gland. You developed myasthenia gravis, which landed you in here. And you started eating gluten, which only made things worse." They’ll treat everything with high-dose steroids, Taub explains.
And the testosterone? "Kicked in the nuts is kicked in the nuts," House says.
"Over the past week, you've all had good moments and bad." House has gathered Park, Adams, and Chase in the lab for a final series of contests, since no clear winner has emerged so far. "Ready, set, suture!"

"What happens if I don't take it?" Joe isn't sure he wants to continue taking the testosterone. "I feel great. Faster, clearer, more like myself. But my marriage, my career, they're both built on me being somebody else." Taub tries to explain the risks involved. "Low testosterone can cause depression, problems sleeping. It's also been linked to conditions such as osteoporosis and diabetes. It'll make your life harder and more dangerous on top of all the meds you'll be taking." He'll take the risk. "I'm a better man without it," Joe says.

"Well, this certainly has brought more structure to the department." Taub rejoins the team as House is watching the contestants on the second challenge, running a test. "Really, I'm just excited for the wheelchair race," House says. "You were smart not to enter. Never in, never lose. And since you no longer have stones..." "I'll split the $50 a week with you," Taub offers. "Deal," House says.

When House gets back home, he takes a long look at the apartment, transformed by Dominika, who is doing dance aerobics in the kitchen. Flowers, pictures, a roaring fireplace, actual decorations. "Honey, I'm home!"
Love is Blind

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Production Code: HOU-814
Summary: While House and his team treat a blind man, House’s mother Blythe tells her son about her new relationship.

A blind diabetic, Will Westwood, goes to a jewelry store to buy an engagement ring for his girlfriend Melissa. The owners, Sam and Stacy, help him out and he goes out onto the street with his purchase. However, as Will starts to cross the streets, he suddenly starts hallucinating sounds. Confused, Will stumbles across the street, narrowly avoiding being hit, and collapses on the curb at the other side.

The team gathers in the conference room for differential, but House is on the speakerphone calling from the lobby. He’s watching as Wilson escorts a woman in and tells the team to tell everyone that he’s at an out-of-state medical conference. Chase doesn’t care what House is up to and suggests schizophrenia, but Taub notes that the psych tests proved normal. Park suggests epilepsy and House tells the team to run an EKG. Adams asks who House is hiding from and he says, “Evil.” Meanwhile, Wilson brings the woman into the conference room and she introduces herself to the team as House’s mother, Blythe House. They lie and tell her that her son is at an out-of-state medical conference.

Melissa checks on Will, who insists that he won’t be there long and figures that he just ate something that disagreed with him. Park and Chase come in and Park says that Will has epilepsy, but Chase isn’t so sure. Will insists he hasn’t had seizures before but Chase warns that he could have had mild ones and not even known it. Melissa hasn’t noticed but explains that she hasn’t seen him in the last five months because they were on a break. He jokes about it, insisting that he’s sure he doesn’t have epilepsy because he’s acutely aware of his body at all times, and Chase suggests he prove it by taking a test.

In the cafeteria, Wilson and Blythe talk about House, and Wilson says that his friend is doing better than he has in a long time.

When Blythe asks if House is happy, Wilson can’t answer but she understands. He notices that she has a hospital wristband on and Blythe claims that she was in to have some moles
removed. However, Wilson notices that she has a pamphlet in her purse. Blythe asks Wilson to get House to call her at her hotel if he gets back early from his conference and goes to get a refill, and he confirms that the pamphlet is about dealing with terminal cancer.

Taub and Adams run the auditory tests and Taub comments that Melissa is hot. He figures that Will is the one who convinced Melissa to take a break, because women want to break up when they take a break. Adams doesn’t buy it and thinks that they’re too young to get married. Will starts to convulse but the EKG remains steady, meaning it isn’t a seizure. He starts to choke and Taub performs the Heimlich, and they realize that Will is losing his teeth.

The team confirms that Will has lost three of his teeth. House is on speaker phone again and suggests periodontitis, explaining that the infection spread to Will’s brain and caused the auditory hallucinations. He orders broad-spectrum antibiotics and goes back to playing video games with Dominika in the children’s ward. The children are doing drawings of Africa for House so he can convince Blythe that he’s in Africa with Doctors Without Borders. Wilson tracks him down and says that they need to talk, and explains that Blythe is dying. He tells his friend that he should talk to his mother, gives him her hotel, and leaves.

As Park and Taub administer the antibiotics, Melissa starts to lecture Will on his hygiene but then catches herself and apologizes.

He suggests that she go get something to eat and then asks the doctors to take his engagement ring and hide it at his apartment so that Melissa won’t find it. Will explains that Melissa is the one who wanted a break so that Will would be sure that she wanted to marry him. At Will’s apartment, Taub decides to search the place in case they’re wrong. Park eats some of Will’s ice cream and gummy bears while Taub figures that her low self-esteem comes from a boyfriend who broke up with her. She admits that her college boyfriend convinced her to take a break, slept with three of her girlfriends, and then dumped her. Park realizes that she’s eating sugar-free ice cream and candy and spits it out.

House goes to the hotel and finally knocks on his mother’s door. She answers it, dressed in a bathrobe, and he storms in and asks to see her medical records. However, when he sees a naked man, House’s biological father Thomas Bell, he realizes that Blythe isn’t dying. She admits that she put the pamphlet in her purse to fool Wilson and that they wanted House to be the first to know that she and Thomas are getting married.

Will goes into convulsions and they manage to stabilize him. Back in differential, the team disagrees on whether Will has epilepsy or not. Park suggests LSD even though the tox screens were clean. When Taub asks why she thinks that, Park says that she’s tripping even as they speak. Park thinks that Chase is a rabbit and Taub is the Tooth Fairy. House just looks like House. Taub tells them what she ate at Will’s apartment and House tells them to find out where Will bought the drugs.

Chase and Adams talk to Will, who explains that he took the LSD in the hopes that he might see something. They ask where he bought it and Will says that his girlfriend got it for him. However, he admits that he has a new girlfriend, Julie, and the engagement ring is for her, not Melissa. When they were on the break, Will met the new girl. She’s on vacation with her parents and Will gives them her cell phone number, but says that he doesn’t want her to know he’s in the hospital because she’ll freak out. Adams is disgusted with Will, who says that it’s not easy on him and he still values Melissa as a friend.

Wilson comes to see House and discovers Park on the couch, giggling. House tells his friend that Blythe isn’t dying and that she’s having sex with his biological father, but that he isn’t interested. Wilson figures that House values Blythe’s opinion and must be interested in Thomas, but House denies it.

As Chase and Adams run the scan on Will, she tells Chase how disgusted she is with the patient. They find a black spot on the brain scan and call in House and Taub. House says that it’s a clot—a cerebral venous thrombosis—and it caused first the hallucinations and then the seizures as it grew larger. Untreated, it will lead to death. However, it doesn’t account for the tooth loss. House believes that it’s Behcet’s Syndrome, and they didn’t catch it because the other symptoms are visual. He tells the team to do an eye exam and goes to check on Park.

Park is going berserk, accusing a rabbit of stealing her teeth. Wilson tries to fend her off and Thomas and Blythe arrive. Thomas is well-acquainted with bad trips and manages to calm Park down, much to Wilson’s surprise. When House comes in, Wilson tells him that Thomas can’t possibly be related to him.
Chase checks Will's eyes and confirms that it's Behcet's. He leaves Adams to take care of Will's eyes, and he is aware that she thinks he's a jerk. She thinks it's unfair that he's leading Melissa on, and Will insists that they don't work as a couple. He says that he's going to tell her eventually but he wants to do it the right way. Will explains that he originally bought the engagement ring for Melissa, but she said they were going to have a break without consulting with him. He was hurt and felt that she treats him like a child, and tells Adams that Julie doesn't see him like that. She trusts him to make his own decisions and help her make decisions for herself.

House goes back to his office and finds Blythe tucking in the dozing Park. Wilson and Thomas are going over Thomas' scrapbook, which has photos of a young Greg. There are also photos of Thomas and Blythe protesting the war, and House is surprised to learn that his mother went against her husband's wishes. Thomas hugs House and says that they're almost family, and says they'll see Wilson and House later. Once the couple leaves, Wilson explains that he invited them to dinner and said it was House's idea.

Melissa comes to see Will and explains that there was no one for her while she was on break. Will starts coughing up blood and Taub checks him and then says he needs to discuss the case with the others. Once he leaves, Will starts to talk but Melissa tells him not to. He complains that she's always telling him what to do and that he needs to speak. Outside, the team meets and Park apologizes, wondering if she kissed anyone. They wonder why their treatment for Behcet's isn't making Will worse, and Park suggests that their treatment caused the clot to dissolve, ending up in Will's lung. She suggests that they continue the treatment, but Adams warns that if he hemorrhages then they won't be able to stop the bleeding. House agrees with Park, and an angry Melissa storms out of Will's room.

Later, Wilson, Thomas, and Blythe wait at the restaurant. House arrives and introduces Dominika as his wife, and says that thanks to Wilson he's now going to be open and honest with his relationships.

As they run the MRI, Adams talks to Chase about how she doesn't really understand handicapped people. He isn't particularly interested, and they confirm that their treatment is breaking down the clot.

House explains in great detail about his green card wedding. Thomas approves of what they're doing, saying the immigration policy is a travesty. Determined to get a rise out of him, House then explains that he's been lying for the last year. Blythe knows that he was in prison, and then says that they got married two months after House's father passed away. House asks if there's anything else, but when they don't say anything further, he says that he confirmed that Blythe's husband wasn't his biological father. Thomas insists that it isn't possible and House shows him his matching birthmark, pulling down his pants. Shocked, Thomas says that Blythe told him that House was born prematurely, and if he had known he was House's father then he would have raised him to not be a pill-popping sociopath. Blythe comes to her son's defense and insists that Thomas apologize, and he storms off.

Will starts screaming in pain and the doctors confirm that his eye tissue is rotting. Chase believes that it's drug-resistant streptococcus and that they have to operate and remove the necrotized tissue. House checks the scan of the clot in the lung and realizes that it's actually a spore infection. Will breathed it in and his lowered immune system meant that it spread quickly throughout his system. House orders the treatment despite the fact that, combined with their previous treatments, will leave Will deaf. Adams gives the news to Will, who refuses treatment because he can't handle any more burdens in his life.

House goes to his office and finds Thomas waiting for him. He apologizes and says that it's great news that he has a son, but House figures that Blythe told him what to say. Thomas admits that she did, and House says that he respected Blythe's husband. However, Thomas says that they have to get along for Blythe's sake and says that he'll see House for dinner.

Melissa comes to see Will and he figures that Adams convinced her to come there to convince him to live. He says that it won't work and Melissa agrees, saying that it's his decision, not hers. Will asks why she came back and Melissa says because she loves him and wants to be with him as long as she can. She goes to his side and says that she will always love him, and he asks if she would love him if he were deaf. Melissa assures him that she would no matter what.

Will takes the treatment and Adams assures Melissa that he's responding. His hearing is gone but they don't know if it's permanent.
Melissa takes his hand and squeezes it to let him know that she’s there. Will asks her if she’ll marry him and she says yes, and Will can hear her.

House comes to see Wilson and asks when he was going to tell him. He saw Wilson take Thomas’ fork at the restaurant and figured that he needed proof that the man was House’s father. Wilson shows him the results confirming that Thomas isn’t House’s father, and House is happy that his mother isn’t as boring as he thought.
**Blowing the Whistle**

**Season 8**

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**Season Episode: 15**

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)  
Guest Stars: Arlen Escarpeta (Brant Macklin), Sharif Atkins (Sharif Atkins), Lindsay Zappala (Gloria), Steve Nevil (Mel), Adam Cagley (Jason), Kristy Johnson (Joni), Sayeed Shahidi (Evan), Dava Krause (Daria), Albert Owens (Major Mathewson), Thomas Riordan (MP #1)  
Production Code: HOU-815  
Summary: The team treats an Army veteran charged with treason after he leaked classified information. But the patient’s life is put at risk when he refuses treatment unless he and his brother are given information about their late father, a war veteran, which raises questions about loyalty to one’s family and country. Meanwhile, Adams suspects House may be sick, so she recruits Wilson and the other team members to plan an intervention and investigate his illness.

"You have to lift up the sign so he can see it." Army Captain Hayes Macklin, with his wife and son, await the flight of Hayes' brother, Brant. But young Evan can't muster up much enthusiasm for holding the handmade "Welcome Home" sign - he’s too worried about his father's own upcoming deployment.

Hayes tells his son that it's OK to be upset, asking, "Do you remember what I told you when we were watching wrestling on Saturday night?" Evan perks up. "Yeah," he says. "That you and uncle Brant are like the Reaper Brothers." "That’s right," Hayes says. "And Uncle Brant has been in the ring a whole year. Now it's time for Daddy to tag in. But while I'm away, I need you in your uncle's corner, making sure that he keeps you and your mom safe."

Evan smiles, and the three of them look up toward an escalator as Brant descends... in handcuffs, surrounded by MPs. Hayes runs over to find out what’s going on.

"PFC Macklin has been charged with treason," a guard tells him. There must be some mistake. But as Brant passes Hayes he says, "I'm sorry." Stunned, Hayes watches them take his brother away. Suddenly, Brant’s legs appear to give out under him, and he collapses to the ground.

"The Army apparently thought they were clearing an insurgent hide-out." Adams, along with House and the rest of the team, watch grainy military footage of ground strikes against several individuals in what looks to be a war zone. "When this was leaked on Saturday, the AP investigated. Thirty-four civilian casualties. Six kids," Adams says.
Foreman tells them that Brant will be heavily guarded by MPs during his stay, which dismays House. "No, don’t do that," he says. "Every time there’s people in uniform in the cafeteria they get served first." Foreman responds, addressing the team: "Make sure your IDs are clearly visible. I’ll speak with the cafeteria staff about showing more disrespect."

"Twenty-year-old male, generalized tonic-clonic seizures. Army docs scanned for structural abnormalities. EEG was normal." As they settle in to review the case, Park appears to be the only member to have a problem with Brant. "He’s a coward," she says. "He anonymously downloaded a computer file from a secured page and uploaded it to an unsecured page. Not exactly storming Omaha Beach. EEG was normal because he was faking it to avoid going to prison." So House suggests some non-medicine, grabbing Adams’ bag and taking her birth control pills.

"Something’s going on with House. He just seemed off," Adams says, as she and the team walk down the hall. She took his coffee mug, and he didn’t even notice. But they are more interested in the fact that she’s wearing the same clothes as she wore yesterday, something else House didn’t notice.

"Attention-deficit in a man who has no attention deficits has to be symptomatic of something," Adams says. "I’m not saying he’s definitely sick. I’m just saying we should look into it." Chase has been around House too long to not be suspicious: "If you believe House is sick, it’s only because that’s what he wants you to believe."

"We think the long flight home allowed clots to form in your leg," Adams says, pouring a glass of water and handing Brant a placebo birth control pill. "Take this. If you feel any numbness in your leg after a few minutes, it means we’re right."

As they’re waiting for a reaction, Park asks him why he did it. "It was the right thing to do," Brant says. "Making the voting public aware of what’s really happening on the ground will help bring our troops home faster."

In the corner, Hayes grunts his disapproval. "I think you’re being naïve," he says. "And I know you took an oath. If you want to influence policy, run for office." The brothers have differing ideas of how their father, since deceased, would react. Hayes thinks that their dad taught them it was honorable to follow the rules.

"Did dad always believe in blindly following the rules?" Brant asks. "How do you explain Tora Bora?" Their dad was a special forces unit commander, ordered to leave behind men who were assumed dead. But he disobeyed the order and went back to rescue them. He died later in a car accident - at least, that’s what Brant says is the Army’s "official story."

Suddenly he looks down. "I can’t feel my leg." Adams shoots Park a knowing look. "I’ll get the discharge papers." They explain that they gave him a placebo to see if he’d fake another symptom. But now his stomach hurts, too. His entire abdomen looks bruised. "He’s not faking," Adams says.

"Just because he’s got abdominal bruising, doesn’t mean he wasn’t faking the numbness." Chase isn’t convinced Brant’s illness is real. But he’s not even contesting the treason charge, so why would he bother faking symptoms? "People define honor with whatever makes them feel honorable. It’s a circle going nowhere," House says. "Which I guess is what circles do."

Chase thinks Brant may have pancreatitis. "Gallstones obstructing his pancreatic duct." They’ll ultrasound his stomach and look for the obstruction. Before she leaves, Adams asks House for a signature on the treatment order, which immediately raises House’s suspicion.

"The Army’s leaning on Foreman to make sure this is done by the book," she says. "Forge it," House tells her. She will - in the future. "But I’ll need an original, so I know what to forge," she says, handing him the order form.

"We were having coffee when the dizziness started." Wilson is treating a man in the clinic, who’s there with a woman. It’s their first date, after meeting in a 98-cent store. "We were reaching for the same tube of cheese," the woman says, laughing. Wilson shines a light up the man’s nose.

"Good news," he says. "Based on her thrifty shopping habits and taste for artificial dairy, she’s clearly not a gold digger. Bad news: based on his rhinotillexomania, he is. Compulsive addiction to nose-picking. Small cut on the inside of left nostril led to an infection in the cavernous sinus," Wilson explains to the embarrassed man and the disgusted woman. "It was very nice meeting you, Mel," she says, scrambling for the door.

Meanwhile, Adams has come to see Wilson. She shows him two versions of House’s signature: one, from her hospital contract signed six months ago, and the treatment order form from earlier
that day. "His hands are unsteady," she says. "Given his Vicodin abuse, I think he has hepatic encephalopathy. He’s been forgetful, inattentive..."

Wilson just laughs, saying, "Dominika’s been trying out new knish recipes. One of them didn’t agree with him. Sleep deprivation could account for his forgetfulness and inattention. He loads up on caffeine - that explains the jittery hands." But Adams isn’t letting go. "If I’m right, his liver is in decline. It’s curable, but if he doesn’t get treatment, it could actually be fatal."

It’s more likely a symptom of working for House, Wilson suggests. "You start seeing zebras everywhere. There’s nothing wrong with him." But it doesn’t look like he’s sure of that.

"I think there’s something wrong with you," Wilson tells House, who’s napping in the clinic. Wilson tosses him his pills and he mistimes the catch. "Because I just woke up from sleeping in the clinic, like I always do." But Wilson says he’s forgetful, too. "I’d like to run some tests." He explains the hepatic encephalopathy theory.

"I've watched you destroy your body with Vicodin for years," Wilson tells him. "I'm surprised your liver's lasted this long." He offers to do the exam himself. "While having you juggle my jewels sounds interesting, there’s no such thing as friends with benefits. It always gets weird," House says, laying his head down to go back to sleep.

"Your friends out there are getting a little hands-y," Chase says. While setting up the ultrasound, Chase mentions to Brant that the guards seem to be more thorough than usual. Brant says that there have been death threats, plus a convoy was hit outside of Kunar Province, reportedly in retaliation for the killings shown on the video Brant leaked.

"Eight American soldiers were killed," Hayes says. Brant argues that a strike like that would have taken three days at least to plan. "So, the next one might be your fault?" Hayes asks. Why did he enlist in the Army if he has such a negative opinion? "I needed to find out what happened to my dad," Brant says. "There were two redacted pages in his service record. Going into Intelligence was the quickest way to up my security clearance." Part of his job was to make friends with the locals. "If there had been another attack, with civilian casualties, and I had done nothing..."

He’s interrupted by a couple of medical issues: an enlarged spleen Park sees on the monitor, and urinary bleeding Chase notices in his bag. Suddenly, blood appears near his IV site and then out of his eyes. "His spleen must be sequestering platelets," Chase says. They need to rush him to the operating room.

"Pressure's dropping." In surgery, Chase races to try to squeeze Brant’s spleen and release platelets, as his blood pressure drops. It works: Brant’s pressure rises and he starts to clot. "Good news is we can control the bleeding," Chase says. "The bad news is the bleeding's not the problem. Not unless spleens are supposed to be lumpy."

"He's clotting, but CT confirmed splenic nodules," Adams says, briefing the team while House and Taub play a war-themed video game. "You just took out a family of four," Taub says. "They were clearly armed insurgents," House tells him. "Anyone who claims - or proves - otherwise is a traitor." The team dismisses several possibilities: TB, brucellosis, lymphoma.

Trying to keep Taub distracted so he can win, House prompts him to come up with ideas. "The nodules in his spleen were granulomas. He’s got sarcoidosis!" Taub screams, as he defeats House. House orders steroids for Brant - and he orders that Taub come right back afterward. "I'm not going to rest until I've made orphans of all your virtual children."

"House never loses." Adams is adding Taub's win to the list of reasons she thinks House is sick. Now Park thinks maybe there's something to it. "Reduced fine motor control. Add that to inattention and liver flap. It does make sense." Adams is worried that House's medical judgment could be impaired, and she wants to tell Foreman.

Chase still isn't buying it. "You really think it's a coincidence that we're treating a whistle blower and now talking about blowing the whistle on House?" he asks. "You're right: playing dumb, a messy signature, losing a video game. It's way too complicated to fake."

"No, I won't take it," Brant says, refusing his treatment, even though the doctors tell him he could have a fatal arrhythmia without it. "Tell Major Mathewson that I'm not taking any treatment until they give me a live television interview," Brant says. Does he really believe they'll agree to that? "People need to know the tape's not the reason for that attack. They need to know why I did this." "If Dad were here, he'd be begging for you not to do this," Hayes says. "If Dad were here, he'd be proud of me," Brant argues.
"The conspiracy theorists are going to go nuts if the patient dies," Taub, along with Chase and Hayes, see Major Mathewson leave Foreman's office. "I told him that," Foreman says. "He told me that option is still less damaging than giving the kid a national platform."

Taub wants Hayes to persuade Brant to take the meds, but Hayes doesn't think it'll work. Chase has an idea: "What if we convince a court that his refusal is part of an underlying psychiatric disorder? Narcissistic personality disorder. Both the leaking of the tape and the refusal of treatment indicate that he has no fear of consequences."

It's unlikely a judge would classify a personality disorder as a mental illness - unless Hayes can corroborate and act as a conservator. "So you want me to sign a piece of paper that says my brother is crazy for doing what he thinks is right?" Hayes asks. It's to save Brant's life. "His heart could go at any time," Taub tells him. "He's a fool, but he's not crazy," Hayes says.

"The patient is refusing treatment because of honor, and his brother is refusing to be his conservator because of honor," Chase tells the team. Meanwhile, House wants to investigate the case of the out-of-order bathroom, which he leads the team into before squatting in a stall. "No one fixes anything unless they have a compelling reason," House says. "If we're going to treat, we have to give him a compelling reason. Something that he wants more than an interview."

"Signed order from Major Mathewson," Chase says to Brant, handing him the paperwork. "They've agreed to declassify the redacted pages from your father's service record. In two days, you'll have all your answers." But the only way he'll live long enough to find out the truth is by accepting treatment. Brant doesn't know if he can trust the Army, but he trusts Hayes.

As Taub and Chase leave Brant's room, Taub pulls out a plastic bag to collect House's waste. The stall was never out-of-order; it was all a plan by Taub so he could get a stool sample. When he reviews the sample under the microscope, he sees that House's bile deposits are irregular. "House's liver is failing."

Suddenly, they're paged to Brant's room. His foot is killing him. Adams uncovers the blanket - his foot looks dark purple and bloated. "It's completely cyanotic. This isn't sarcoidosis."

"Cholesterol embolization," House says, back in his office. The team filled him in on their test, but he doesn't seem too worried. Adams doesn't think it's an embolism. "And, if we start you on treatment now, get you off Vicodin..." I know my body. I'm fine," he tells them. "If you're not sick, then our tests, accurate 99.5 percent of the time, yielded a false positive, three separate times," Chase says.

House doesn't argue with the test results, just the diagnosis. "Sample was obviously contaminated with other foods interacting with my liver enzymes," he says. "Now, can we talk about the sick patient?"

"His clot dissolved, that could have caused a vasospasm; DIC could have been caused by Bernard-Soulier syndrome," Park says. "If we got a patient file with the same symptoms you're exhibiting..." Adams starts.

"And, the symptoms I'm not exhibiting?" House asks. "Jaundice, ascites, fetor hepaticus?" But they can't tell if his breath is bad because he's been popping mints like crazy. Four doctors he trained all diagnosed him with hepatic encephalopathy. "Park's right. Treat the patient with heparin," House says, unwilling to discuss his own health.

"We'll have a stronger argument if we go to Foreman as a united front." Adams, Taub, and Park want to talk to Foreman, but Chase still isn't convinced there's any reason to tell him. "We tell Foreman, House either agrees to treatment or gets suspended. Which means House gets suspended. And considering House at 90 percent is better than any other doctor at this hospital at 100 percent, that means our patients get a lower standard of care."

"Blurry vision, headache, a bit of nausea, and dizziness." House is in the clinic examining a teenage boy in a St. Patrick's Day t-shirt. "I am completely baffled." "I only had eight beers," the teen says. He's working up his tolerance for the sophomore class pong tournament. House tells him to hop on one foot and sing the "iCarly" theme song. "Next year, stick to whiskey. Or at least stay away from week-old green beer. A lot less likely to contain tartrazine-laced green food dyes, for which you apparently have an intolerance."

"What are my choices here?" House asks Wilson, who's following House down the hall. "If I tell you I'm fine, you won't believe me." Wilson has scheduled a liver function test. "If I ignore you, then you'll just ignore my ignoring. Which is rude, frankly." And depending on the results, Wilson continues, they'll customize a treatment plan.
"And if I tell you I think I'm sick and I need your help and we need to set up a time to talk about it, you'll just assume I'm lying." House says, popping more mints. "Again, rude." House knows that he doesn't have a choice, but there is one place he can go where Wilson can't follow: Brant's room, because Wilson isn't on the clearance list.

"Who are you?" Brant asks as House plops down in a chair and picks up a magazine. "Well, considering the only people allowed in here are your doctors and your family, I'm your long-lost cousin Ralph. So glad to finally meet you." House wants to know if it was worth it. "Best case, you spend the rest of your life in Leavenworth. Worst case, you spend the rest of your life here."

"My job was to log that tape, get all the details in the official record," Brant tells House. "After the tenth time of watching it, I stopped trying to convince myself that the shovel could have been mistaken for a gun, because all I could see were the victim's faces. All I was trying to do was read that kid's lips, to make out his last words. I couldn't sleep, couldn't eat. My hair turned gray in three days. My body was telling me I had to do whatever I could to make sure that something like this never happened again." The part about his hair turning gray in three days catches House's attention.

"Loss of hair color indicates an autoimmune deficiency, likely Graves disease," House says. "Hyperthyroidism leads to hypercoagulable state, which causes thrombosis. Start him on anti-thyroids." House explains his theory to the team while he tries to sneak a bunch of candy bars past the cashier in the cafeteria in small cup.

Taub thinks that the gray hair could just have been stress. Plus, the anti-thyroids could reduce his blood pressure and his ability to breathe. House is unmoved: "Start him on anti-thyroids." After House leaves, the team decides not to give Brant the anti-thyroids.


"Bold move: You've gone from speculating that I'm sick to acting like I'm dead." House is not pleased with the team, but they still don't fully trust his judgment. After more blood work, they found out it's not Graves, either. And there's Foreman at the door, asking to speak to House.

"Anything you have to say to me, you can say to them," House says. "It's only fair, because anything they say to me, they also say to you." Foreman lays down the law. "Until you receive a clean bill of health, I'll be authorizing all treatment orders," he tells House. "Well, I would say that's an incredibly stupid mistake, but apparently I'd have to clear that opinion through Foreman first," House says.

Now that Brant's white count is high, any infections that they might have ruled out when he came in are back on the table. House's primary concern, though, is finding out who stabbed him in the back.

"Fine, I told Foreman," Taub says. "Can we move on now?" House knows Taub is only confessing so they'll get back to the case. Then Adams confesses, followed by Chase. "The next person to confess is fired!" House says. "Or Spartacus." That just leaves Park, who doesn't quite know what to say.

"And it's malaria," House announces. Adams tries to quickly dismiss the idea, since the Army gives anti-malaria medication. "And has done for ten years. That's the equivalent of 5,000 generations of the Afghan mosquito," House says. He believes it's developed a resistance. Foreman orders anti-malarials.

"We believe you have malaria." Taub tries to give Brant the pills, but he refuses. "My dad's file should have been here." Hayes tells him that there's been a delay. "If they're not going to keep their end of the bargain, neither am I." Brant says.

"Is it too late to become his conservator?" Hayes catches up to Park and Taub in the hall. "I know what I said before. Right now I don't care." They'll get the paperwork together.

"He changed his mind? Why?" Adams doesn't understand why Hayes is agreeing now. Brant was dying the last time they asked him to be the conservator, so why the change of heart? "So, instead of pushing the issue with the Army to get the file, he just decided to give up on his code?" Taub doesn't have a good answer.

"So where do I sign?" Hayes asks Taub. But they won't be needing his signature. "The Army gave the file to you yesterday. Major Mathewson had another copy sent over to us." Hayes says that there's a reason he didn't want the file released. "I know. I read it," Taub tells him. "I'm going to treat my patient now."
"I was right, wasn't I? How did he die? What did they cover up?" Brant sees the report in Hayes' hands. "They didn't cover up anything. I did," Hayes says. "Dad died in that car accident because he was drunk. Killed a pedestrian, too."

Brant can't believe what he's hearing. "He drank, Brant, a lot," Hayes tells him. "You were too young to see it. I had some of Dad's buddies take care of his files. It was the only time I ever broke the rules. I'm sorry." Brant looks confused and angry, but he'll take the treatment.

"Fever hasn't broken. White count is still up. Renal function is declining." The team goes over Brant's case in House's office. Brant has all the signs of malaria, but the anti-malaria meds aren't helping him. Chase is just about to render an opinion when a different sort of epiphany hits him.

"You bastard!" he says, looking at House, who's drinking from a large styrofoam cup. "You were faking! Yesterday, House stole candy by putting it into a cup. The cup was too small, so his solution was to remove some of the candy. But the obvious logical thing was to just get a bigger cup, which he did today, because he's no longer faking." What about the sample? "I took Saint John's wort to alter the way my liver metabolized acetaminophen. And some N-acetylcysteine to finish it off."

"You tortured them, to torture me, just to see who you could trust?" Foreman asks. He claims he did it to save lives. "You're not doing this for honor," House tells him. "You're doing this to please your father. And the pathetic thing is the man you're trying to please never existed."

"Traitor!" House thinks Wilson is the rat. "You've been avoiding me for two days." Wilson responds, "I've been avoiding you because you're an ass."

"I've been an ass my whole life; I can't get rid of you," House says. But he's starting to think Wilson might be telling the truth. "Fine. I'll have to punish my whole team so that one of them will step forward. Wilson tells him that makes sense.

"Damn, now I'm going to have to punish my whole team so that one of them will step forward." Didn't he just say that? "Yeah, but I meant it this time. First time I was just testing you. Either you were going to genuinely confess, or falsely confess, or actually..." That gives him an idea.

Hayes watches as Brant is wheeled out of his room, surrounded by MPs. Hayes salutes him. Chase is watching from the second story. When he turns around he sees a big rat, scurrying next to the wall. "His name's Little Chase," House says, picking up the animal. "He's a rat. You're a rat. Get it. Taub confessed to telling Foreman to save the patient. Adams confessed to protect Taub. Your confession was just piling on. There's no rational reason for you to have done it."

Chase doesn't think there will be any punishment. "You wanted me to tell Foreman," he says. "Your ability to solve puzzles is the only thing that matters to you. And you're smart enough to know even you'll lose your edge at some point. You want to make sure someone's there when you do."

"If that were true," House says, handing him the rat, "why are Little Chase's little cousins scurrying through your apartment floorboards right now?"
We Need the Eggs

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Guest Stars: Kevin Christy (Henry), Karolina Wydra (Dominika Patrova), Amy Davidson (Molly), Patrick Stump (Micah), Noelle Bellinghausen (Emily), Alexis Raben (Wendy), Nik Isbelle (Amy), Eddie Pepitone (Operator), George Sharperson (Harris), Elizabeth J. Carlisle (Butterscotch), Malana Lea (Fawn), Laura Carpenter (Cindy), Beckie King (Debbie)
Production Code: HOU-816
Summary: While the team treats a man who cries blood, House and Dominika team up to sabotage the relationship of Emily, his favorite prostitute, so that House doesn’t have to go without.

"Mmmm, you’re off to the left about an inch. That’s it - shoot around the star, not at it." Molly, a cute redhead, is helping Henry, a bespectacled young man in a khaki jacket, hit the mark at a carnival game. "Yes! You did it," she yells when he hits the target, giving him a big congratulatory hug.

"You just won your girlfriend a teddy bear," the disinterested carny tells them. "Cool!" Henry beams. "Hey, which one do you think she’d like best?" he asks Molly, who looks dejected now.

"...and then Thursday night, this physicist is giving a lecture in Brooklyn," Henry tells Molly, as they walk away, with the giant bear in tow. "It’s about time travel and the grandfather paradox. I don’t know if you’re busy..."

Molly doesn’t want to talk about time travel. "I’m really happy that we’ve been hanging out so much," she starts. "Yeah, I like it too," he says. "Henry..." she says, and Henry knows where this is going. "I can’t," he tells her. "I know, you have a girlfriend," she says. "It’s just, she never seems to want to do anything with you." Suddenly it looks like Henry is crying, though he says it’s just allergies. "Henry! I think that’s blood," she says, as he starts bleeding out of both eyes.

"Thirty-five-year-old male, cries blood, and he’s not Vampire Bill. Go." House presents Henry’s case to the team, who seem a bit more interested in the voluptuous woman getting coffee for House, and the lineup of similar women waiting outside his office. House’s favorite hooker is retiring, so he’s holding auditions for a replacement. "I asked for cappuccino," he tells Butter Scotch, disapprovingly. That’s a deal-breaker.

"Initial exam showed no sign of trauma or subconjunctival hemorrhage," Taub says. "Please take a seat, Fawn, and tell me what’s your favorite Woody Allen movie?" House quizzes the next contestant. She sheepishly names "Annie Hall." But why is he interviewing hookers about things unrelated to sex?
"Sex is a given; they're hookers," House says. "To get the gig, a call girl - sorry, 'call woman' - needs a combination of skills that I find useful/entertaining for the remaining 57 minutes of the hour I paid for."

House dismisses Fawn when she tells him that she only picked "Annie Hall" because it's the most popular choice. "Oh, so close! We would have accepted 'Diane Keaton looks great in suits,' or 'It's a trenchant commentary on today's mores,' or 'I needed the eggs.' Thanks for your interest."

Henry could have lymphocytosis or cavernous sinus thrombosis. House orders a blood panel to check for lymphocytosis and a CT venogram of Henry's head to see if he might have a clot near the base of the brain. "How are you with small appliance repair?" House asks the next applicant.

"This cavernous sinus thing - is it dangerous?" Molly is by Henry's side in his patient room, asking Chase about the diagnosis. There's an over 70 percent success rate in treating it with drugs and surgery, he explains.

"Do you want me to call Amy again?" Molly asks Henry. "No, it's fine," he says. Molly explains to Chase and Adams that Amy is Henry's girlfriend; she's the neighbor. She couldn't call Amy on her cell, anyway - "She doesn't have one," Henry says. "She worries about radiation."

Molly volunteers to drop by their house and talk to her on her way home. "She knows who I am, right?" Molly asks Henry. "You don't need to, but thanks," Henry says. "Have you ever paid for sex?" Park and Taub are in the pathology lab, checking Henry's blood. "Every guy who's ever seen a Merchant Ivory movie has paid for sex," Taub says. But no, he hasn't, he says. "It just seems too demeaning to women." "Given the things you've done to women, that seems arbitrary," Park notes.

Before they can continue, a young man arrives, asking for Park. "You called about my guitar flyer," Micah says. He's already sold the guitar, though. Hmm, he came all the way down there to tell her he sold it?

"Blood panel looks pretty much the same as before, and that guy likes you," Taub says, after Micah leaves. Proving Taub's point, Micah returns shortly to ask if Park wants to jam with his band. "That sounds... fun," she says, hesitantly. "I'll think about it." "This is the talent portion of the interview." House is watching women juggle and do card tricks in his office when Adams comes in. "CT showed no clots or malformations. Park and Taub ruled out lymphocytosis and diabetes," she says. "Well, since you have nothing of relevance to report, I assume that you're here to toss your panties in the ring," House says.

But there is the issue of the mysterious girlfriend, who no one can reach, and who Molly has never even seen. "I think he's a junkie. The girlfriend is a fix. The guy's inhaling glue," Adams says. Time for a home search.

"Well, it's not exactly a crack den," Chase says, when he and Adams get to Henry's house. There are flowers addressed. "To Amy," which proves there really is an Amy, but doesn't prove Henry isn't a drug addict, according to Adams. Chase commends her on not letting House get a rise out of her with his hooker shenanigans.

"I'm not crazy about the whole hooker thing, but I get it," she says. "Other than the fact that it's exploitative and dangerous for women, you get what you need without any of the emotional baggage." So, she hasn't been seeing anyone? he asks. "I've been volunteering at the Trenton Free Clinic." No time for a date, or dinner? "What's more important? Making small talk over ravioli or helping people who are less fortunate?"

Suddenly, she spots something in Henry's bedroom: what looks like a woman's body, and they can't tell if she's breathing. Adams checks her out: there's no pulse. "I'll call the coroner," Chase says. "I don't think that's going to be necessary," Adams says.

"This one works in Financial District. She can give you tips, give you leg up in Market." House's "wife," Dominika, is helping him evaluate stacks of hooker files when Adams calls. "Our patient is not a junkie, but he does have a girlfriend." A plastic girlfriend. "I call her my girlfriend because people understand that. If I explained it, they'd just think I was a weirdo," Henry tells Chase and Adams. It's not just about the sex, he says, adding, "In a lot of ways, she's better than a real person. I can tell her things, and she won't argue with me, or make fun of me. I come home every night, and I know she'll be there waiting."

Adams helpfully notes that his toaster is also waiting for him. "No one has an emotional attachment to a toaster," he says. "But a lot of people are willing to spend $7,000 on women like Amy. I'm 35. I've been in relationships. None of them fulfilled me. Then one day I found this Web
site. Maybe the perfect woman’s out there somewhere, but it’s not worth going through what it
would take to find her. Amy makes me happy.” But just then all he feels is hot.

“Bleeding plus two new symptoms: fever and neurological.” Adams tells the team, though
Chase thinks Henry might just indeed be a weirdo, as opposed to neurologically suspect. “He
wasn’t hallucinating,” Chase says. “He didn’t have a thought disorder. It’s not all that different
from talking to a cat or a teddy bear.” Even House doesn’t think Henry’s “girlfriend” is a symptom,
saying, “Guy loves an imaginary being who’s never going to respond to him. He’s no crazier than
millions of churchgoers.”

“You think anything off about any patient is a symptom,” Adams responds. “This guy buys
flowers - real flowers - for a piece of plastic in a dress.” Taub thinks that it’s a way for Henry to
never have to fear rejection, but House says everyone on the team has a ”sex doll” - an excuse for
not being in a relationship. Park’s is her parents, Taub’s is his kids, Adams’ is her charity work.
And Chase?

“I have meaningless sex with random strangers. Thanks for the insight,” Chase says. “But I
stopped that months ago. I actually had a relationship.” House points out that was with a patient:
“You just date whoever happens to cross your path. You don’t go looking for the right person.
You just shack up with whoever’s in the room, and then you get surprised and/or divorced when
it doesn’t work out.”

Well, Park has a date tonight. “You’ll bail,” House predicts. “You do understand the irony
here.” Taub asks. “You’re mocking us for avoiding relationships, but you can’t handle losing
your doll. You’re spending all this time and energy interviewing for a new one.” House thinks
for a minute. “You’re right. That is stupid.” And Henry? “Dude’s banging a sex doll - festering
cesspool of bodily fluids and associated bacteria. Swab her out and find out which one.” “I need
you. Please don’t quit. You’re the only hooker I know who can tune a piano.” House is trying to
He’s a certified accountant. He loves schlocky horror movies, and he just moved in.”

House can’t believe it. Surely Harris doesn’t know about her employment history? ”He knows,”
she says. “We’ve talked about it, and he accepts me for who I am.” That gives House another
angle. “If he accepted who you were, he would not be making you give up your career,” House
argues. “I know this is weird for you, but you need to figure out a way to be OK with it.” Emily
says.

“I feel like the stirrups were overkill.” Chase and Adams have Amy prepped for her swab. ”I’ve
never done a pelvic on a doll before. I’m unfamiliar with the protocol,” Adams says. Chase is more
concerned with making sure Adams knows that House was off-base with his assessment of his
dating life. “I don’t just date whoever shows up.”

Adams takes this as his explanation for why he hasn’t asked her out. Did she want him to
ask her out? “Yeah, I told Taub to tell Park to tell House to pass you that note,” she says. Also,
Amy’s completely clean, but Chase finds something bizarre: what feels like a tumor underneath
Amy’s skin. “CT showed an air-filled mass in the doll’s abdomen,” Chase tells House. ”How about
clostridium? Bacteria got caught in the airtight cavity, produced gas?” But that doesn’t explain
the neurological issue, according to Adams. ”We can explain that the same way we explain the
Tooth Fairy,” Chase says.

House gets to play Solomon: ”Cut the doll open.” They can’t just destroy a $7,000 piece of
property. “Exactly,” House says. “Ask him for consent. If he says yes, then we get to go hunting
for bacteria. If he says no, there’s no need, because he’s crazy, and we need a different theory.”
“OK,” Henry says. He is fine with opening up Amy if it means she could tell them what’s wrong
with him. Just as Adams brings a scalpel to Amy, she and Chase see Henry crying. “I think the
procedure room might be better for this,” Adam says. “You are a horrible person.” That’s Wilson’s
assessment of House’s plan to keep Emily by getting her to split with her boyfriend. ”All I need is
to break up one marriage,” House says. ”You’ve broken up three of your own.” He’s determined
that Harris must be a cheater, since he’s marrying a hooker, but Wilson thinks it’s all House’s
cowardice.

”Your last relationship failed so miserably you ended up in jail,” Wilson says. ”Now, you’re
clinging to this hooker, when there are about three billion other women out there, who aren’t call
girls. Some of whom are attractive and intelligent. One of whom is living in your apartment and
is married to you!” ”You’re right,” House says. ”Why am I asking you?”

“You shouldn’t sleep with Chase,” Park tells Adams, as she’s getting ready to slice open Amy
on a table. "Thank God, you got here just in time," Adams says. She thinks it was silly when House was mocking Park about it last week, and it's silly now. It was silly to think Park could sleep with Chase? "Wow, do you resent me? You're the quirky, hardworking sophomore, and I'm the evil cheerleader who steals boys? If you're not getting any, it's not my fault." Adams says. "Should we get the one with the panda on it or the bird?" Taub is cereal shopping with one of his daughters, which catches the eye of a lovely young woman. "You and her mom must be very proud." the woman says. "Her mother... died in childbirth," Taub says. What? "Amy! How'd it go?" Adams wheels Amy, in full hospital gown, back to Henry after the surgery. They're running cultures, but everything looked clean. Adams thinks the lump was just an air bubble that got trapped in the mold. Adams even bandaged and stitched Amy. But before Henry can reacquaint himself, he doubles over with pain, and it looks like he can't breathe.

"Are you looking at the apartment with those, or the transit of Mercury?" Dominika is helping House spy on Emily and her boyfriend from inside Dominika's food truck, Knish Upon a Star, with a set of high-powered binoculars. The team calls House to tell him they heard crackles in Henry's lungs.

"Crackles are nonspecific," Adams says. "Hypoxia plus bleeding could indicate DIC or some other-" "No neurological symptoms?" House asks. "I knew your bleeding heart would bring you around. Look at that, it's also taking you off the market. And by 'market,' I mean Chase. Buck up, Chase. There's always Park. Unless - how was band practice last night?"

Park tries to lie and say it was great, but she's caught out immediately. She says, "Popo needed a ride to the doctor, and my mother couldn't, so..."

Taub interrupts, which just puts the spotlight on himself. "It's almost as if he wants me to ask: what's her name?" House asks.

"Wendy Jacobson, 33, Brown grad, family therapist," Taub reports. He claims it's not just a one-night-stand. "I actually like her." "Mazel tov," House says. "Great relationships often start with snap decisions aimed at proving me wrong."

Adams thinks that Henry might have inhaled some silicone particles from Amy. House orders plasmapheresis.

"Will this hurt?" Adams is prepping Henry for the procedure, but soon pain is the least of his concerns: Molly is here. She spots Amy in the chair in the corner. "Woah, that is... awesome! What is it? It's so realistic. Oh, and it's all bandaged up. Is it one of those CPR things?"

"Molly, I'd like you to meet Amy," Henry says. "I know it seems strange, but she means a lot to me." Of course, Molly is pretty confused. "I, um, gotta... get back to work." "Listen, I have to admit something..." Taub tells Wendy that his baby's mother isn't dead: they're separated. He says he panicked when she met her because he hadn't asked anyone out since then, as he puts the baby down to sleep. "It was a really stupid lie. I'm sorry." Wendy sizes him up. "Was that a different baby?" "No," Taub lies. But Wendy knows it was.

"It's nice having you here. I wish you could get in bed with me." Henry is alone in his patient room with Amy. Suddenly, he imagines she's real, and she climbs on top of him. But his mind is jumbled: he sees Amy, then she's covered in blood, then he's covered in blood and writhing in pain, screaming.

"If it wasn't neurological before, it sure is now," Chase says, as they sedate Henry. Adams notices his liver is distended. "He's hallucinating because his liver is failing."

"Elevated transaminases confirm liver failure. We'll have to put him on the transplant list in a couple of days." It's not the silicone.

House thinks that Chase is standing conspicuously far away from Adams for some reason. "I'm making coffee. And sometimes, I date coworkers, like everyone else on the planet." "How about all five of us sleep together and a $7,000 sex doll. Solve all our hang-ups," Adams suggests.

Taub has an issue with that. "Those dolls are only $5,000," he says. "He must have had it customized somehow." They all look at Taub. "I guess I don't need to ask how your dating life's going." They think Henry might have hepatic fibrosis. "Start the patient on steroids, and find out how he pimped his ride." "Hey - foosball?" Wilson catches House in the hall. But House has no time for foosball. He's got a marriage to destroy. Wilson's changed his mind on that.

"Oh, it's morally reprehensible and bound to fail, but in a weird way it's a step forward, this thing with Emily," Wilson says. "It's real without being real. It's a long-term relationship that can't actually hurt you. It's a stepping stone. It means you want more." "Try not to come on too strong, OK? Just get to know him a little." House is prepping Dominika to meet Harris.
"I'm Jennifer, new to marketing department," she introduces herself to him. "Harris, accounts receivable," Harris says. "Oh, interesting," Dominika says. "Do you want to get out of here and have sex?" That sounds good to Harris, and House thinks he's caught him red-handed. Except...

"Emily's my sister," Harris says. Whoops! "We called the company that made Amy. They said you modeled her after some photos you sent them." Adams shows Henry a cell phone photo of a real woman who looks just like Amy. She was a yoga instructor he met last year. "She changed my entire life for 17 weeks," he says.

Adams tells him about her ex-husband, saying, "My husband cheated on me - with a girl he met on the plane coming back from our honeymoon. It's not easy to get past things like that."

But the real Amy didn't cheat on Henry. "She wasn't unfaithful," he says. "She didn't betray me. She just wasn't in love with me." He starts to cry. "I know Amy's not going to break your heart, but she's also not going to change your life."

Suddenly, Henry thinks that the light in the room is very bright, and he becomes nauseated. "What's happening to me?!" His neck is stiff. "I think you have meningitis," Adams says. "I'm not leaving the business. I'm just leaving you. I didn't want you to feel bad." Emily tells House. "So let me get this straight: I'm being dumped by a hooker who's worried about my feelings?" Even though some of her clients are married, like House, they sneak around, whereas House will take her into the bedroom when Dominika is in the next room.

House tries to explain that it's a sham marriage. But Emily thinks that it's mean. "It's not a marriage. It's a felony." "I've seen how she looks at you when you're together," she says. "Trust me, she likes you. And I've seen how you look at her."

"Fever's at 105. He's not responding to meds. At this rate, he'll be dead by the time we get the cultures back." Chase remembers that Henry's former girlfriend was a yoga instructor. Maybe she got him into alternative medicine. There was a strange-looking teapot in Henry's house.

House figures it out right away: it's a Neti pot. "An Indian method of clearing the sinuses during allergy season - also known as now," he explains. "With distilled water, it can act as a snot-flushing system. With tap water, it can act as an amoeba-delivery system to the fluids around the brain. Start him on metronidazole. If he's lucky, he'll get to see his plastic children walk down the aisle. "My neck feels much better." The next day, Henry's fever is gone, and his liver function has returned to normal. "Dr. Adams? Could I get your email?" Henry asks Adams. "What for?" she asks. "I just thought... maybe we could see each other again." She says she can't. "I know it's a professionalism thing, but you won't be my doctor once I get out of here."

"Henry, I think you should ask Molly out," Adams says. "You're a great guy. You deserve more than a doll. Promise me you'll keep trying." Meanwhile, Park is trying to encourage Taub to keep at the dating game, but it's an uphill battle. "So she can't deal," she tells him. "There's someone out there who can. You just have to find her."

"I'd love to prove House wrong, but I ruined my marriage, broke two people's hearts," Taub says. "I have two kids who are always going to wonder why I didn't love their mommy enough. It's better if I just focus on what I do have. Give that band guy a call."

"I'm not that good at guitar," Park responds. "Or flirting, or smalltalk," Taub says.

"I'm not as pretty as Adams. I have stuffy clothes, and I hate my hair," Park says. "Adams works 80 hours a week fixing bunions on hobos because she can't face getting to know someone new. Trust me: you find a boyfriend, she'll be the jealous one." Taub tells her. Later, Adams asks Chase out for a drink as he's leaving. "To annoy Park or to prove House wrong?" he asks her. "It's just, um, I think it's time for a change," she stammers. "I don't really think that's a good idea for me right now," he says. "House has a way of getting into people's heads," she admits. "Hi, Mom. I'm still at work. I'll be home in a couple of hours." Park hangs up with her mom, and sits down to jam with Micah.

House picks up his mail at home and sees a letter for Dominika from Immigration. It's her Green Card approval. Henry sits on his couch watching television with Amy, and glances at the giant stuffed teddy bear he won at the carnival in the corner. "I fix blender." Dominika is making pistachio milkshakes when House comes in. "I had fun seducing hooker's fake fiancé," she laughs. "Sorry it didn't work."

"Yeah, I thought I'd take a break from the whole hooker thing," House says. For a second it looks like he might kiss her, but he doesn't. "I've got to go to bed. See you tomorrow." On the way to his bedroom, he tosses her Green Card letter in the trash.
Body and Soul

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Karolina Wydra (Dominika Patrova), Riley Lennon Nice (Lue), Samantha Cutaran (Lida), George Kee Cheung (Xang), Ginette Rhodes (Nurse Rebecca), Peyton McDavitt (ICU Nurse)
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Summary: While the team treats a boy who dreams that he’s being choked and can’t breath for real, the doctors consider the significance of dreams. Meanwhile, Dominika and House grow closer.

Lue, a young boy asleep in bed, wakes to the sound of someone – or something – entering his room. He’s afraid to look. When he does, he sees a sinister-looking, disheveled old Asian woman. “Who are you?” he asks, nervously. She bares her teeth and growls at him, grabbing his throat and trying to choke him. “What are you doing?! Get out of here!” Lue yells. She keeps growling and attacking him.

“Lue? Lue?” It’s Lue’s mother, who came in to check on the commotion. “Are you OK?” There’s no old hag. “Calm down. It’s all right. You were just having another bad dream,” his mom says. Lue can’t relax enough to catch his breath. “Just take slow, deep breaths. There’s nothing to be afraid of.” He’s trying, but he can’t. Suddenly, he lapses into unconsciousness. “I’ve been paging you for over two hours,” Foreman says to House as he arrives with Lue’s case. Acute respiratory distress. No allergies or asthma, and his chest x-ray is clear. “He’s been having night terrors. Woke up in the middle of one in full respiratory arrest.”

House thinks that he’s solved the case already: stress-induced panic attacks. “Tell the parents to lay off the grades. The world needs fry cooks, too.”

Doesn’t seem likely: Lue is a good student. His parents are divorced; the dad moved to another state, but it was amicable. “The dreams are about an ugly old hag trying to strangle him,” Foreman says. “Family’s Hmong.” Well, that certainly got House’s attention. “SUNDS: Sudden Unexpected Nocturnal Death Syndrome.” House wheels in a chair with multiple banker’s boxes full of files on it to the team. “AKA, BS name for ‘no one’s figured out why they died.’ Over 100 in the early ’80s. Only male. Only Hmong. Healthy, right up until the moment they died in their sleep.”

Chase asks what Lue was dreaming about. “Doesn’t matter,” Park says quickly. “It’s a dream. It doesn’t mean anything.” Hmm... Park is very quick to dismiss the meaning of dreams, though
she says that she was merely defending science. "You were defensively defending science," House says. She claims to never remember her dreams.

Lue's dream was about an ancient demon called a "dab." They rule out a heart problem and sleep apnea for Lue. "Lung damage from inhaled toxins could keep causing problems after he woke up," Park speculates. "Or an upper respiratory infection," Adams says.

House orders Chase and Park to start Lue on IV antibiotics for pneumonia and Taub and Adams to check the home for toxins. But Park wants to go with Taub to the house. "It was my idea," she says. "Right," House says. "Because for a moment there, I thought you were uncomfortable around Chase because you had a nocturnal Australian." "Do you believe a spirit could be hurting your son?" Chase asks Lue's mom, Lida. If she believes it's possible, then Lue might believe it, too, and it could be causing real physical symptoms. But Lida doesn't believe in spirits. "I'm an engineer," she says. "I know illnesses aren't caused by evil spirits." "I had a dream." House finds Wilson in the clinic performing a breast exam. "Relax, I'm a doctor," House tells the naked woman. "Your spectacular breasts mean nothing to me."

In the hallway, House explains that he had a sex dream about Dominika. Well, sort of. "It wasn't literally sex. Technically, it was flossing. But you know, teeth, testicles – I think the symbolism is pretty clear. 'Til tell you what would be weirder: if you didn't dream about having sex with Chase." That's Taub's helpful bit of wisdom for Park, as they search Lue's home. "I work with him. I can't want to sleep with him," she says. Why does it smell like wet dog? They poke around, looking for the origin of the strange smell. Taub opens the door to Lue's room. "Holy crap!" he says. There's blood on the walls, on the bed, on the floor. And a bloodied, severed pig's head in the middle of the room. "It looked like a slaughterhouse," Taub tells Lida, who says she has no idea what he's talking about. "It was clean when we left." So a random person broke in and slaughtered a pig? "A pig?" Lida asks, sighing. "My father-in-law."

She rushes over to Xang, an older man, sitting on a couch in the hall. "What did you do?" she asks. "What you should have done weeks ago, when the dreams started," he says. Suddenly, Lue starts to crash. "He's stable, but we've obviously got a second symptom," Taub reports later. They tell House about the Hmong ceremonial ritual in Lue's room, meant to call back his soul. "The reason grandpa thinks the kid's soul is stolen is because he's convinced his son, the kid's father, had his stolen as well. He beat his boss to death. The dad didn't move away – he's in prison."

Park shoots down Adams' theory that it could be PTSD, from hearing the story. It happened when Lue was a baby, and he was only ever told that his parents divorced and his dad moved away.

"What about acute pericarditis?" she suggests. "It's exacerbated by lying supine, so the symptoms would get worse when he goes to sleep." Just like the other cases.

House orders an echocardiogram to check Lue's pericardium. "See if you can find any cardioactive toxins in the home samples. "The floss was mint," House says. "Probably because of this green g-string she hangs up to dry in the bathroom." House insists on telling Wilson the story of his dream. "Maybe we should call back your calls. You do not want the Readers' Digest version of this."

Wilson thinks that the floss might have another meaning. "The floss isn't sex," he says. "It's guilt. It's like you're tiering away the INS notification granting Dominika her citizenship. She can move out, but she still doesn't know it. Which means you're basically holding her prisoner. Tell her the truth and leave me alone."

"We work together every day, usually under a fair amount of stress. It's only natural I'd pop into a subconscious thought every once in a while." Chase is trying to put Park at ease while they test samples in the lab. But she's offended when he says he hasn't dreamt of her.

"This is becoming weird because you're making it weird," Chase says. "So you don't find the idea abhorrent?" Park asks. "I work with you. I don't have to answer that question," he says. Though Park thinks he just did. "Echo was negative, but he has severe abdominal pain," Taub says. No intestinal blockages, but he's constipated. And there were no toxins in the samples. Adams wants to scope him and clear out his bowel. "We should biopsy his thyroid," Chase suggests. "Hashimoto's thyroiditis would explain his lung, heart, and intestinal involvement. And if you think we still need House's approval, it also explains dying in your sleep." "When you invite me for dinner, I thought maybe you take me to restaurant." House is eating Chinese with Dominika in his office. "Or have plates." He says he's got some news about her citizenship. "Because we hadn't heard anything. I called, and they said it's going to be a couple of weeks,"
House says, "Maybe a month, until they finalize their decision." She's disappointed – not because she has to live with House. "You know, I just want to be legal." "No! Get away!" Lue doesn't want any more needles, and nothing his mom or the doctors say can convince him. Suddenly he starts speaking loudly, and angrily, in a foreign language. Adams asks Lida what he’s saying. "I don’t know," she says, frightened. Xang does: "He’s saying it’s too late. There’s nothing we can do. It’s Hmong."

How can that be? Lue doesn't speak Hmong. "He’s never even heard it," Lida says. "It isn’t him speaking," Xang says. "It’s the dab." Just then Lue starts to seize. "Seizure rules out Hashimoto’s," Chase reports to House, though Taub is more concerned with how Lue could be speaking a language he’s never heard. House thinks that it was probably just gibberish – the grandfather heard what he wanted to hear: "Because if his grandson really is possessed, then it means his son really is possessed, which is a giant step up from being a giant, sledgehammering psychopath."

Chase thinks that it must be a neurological symptom, whatever it was. "Rasmussen’s encephalitis: diffuse body inflammation could hit the autonomic centers of the brain," Adams says. House orders an MRI to confirm.

"But, he’ll be OK?" Lida asks Chase about the diagnosis, and he tells her that it’s manageable with treatment. Xang is convinced they’re wrong, and they’re wasting Lue’s time. Chase explains his theory about stress causing people to hear what they want to hear, but he’s adamant.

"I know the difference between science and faith," Xang says. "And when my son started having the same dream my grandson is having, science couldn’t help him." He says that his son was bright, caring, happy "until the bad dreams came. I don’t want to watch it happen again."

"Please don’t scare the boy," Chase says sternly. "It won’t help him get better." "I... had another dream last night," Park tells Taub as Lue is in the MRI chamber. "This time, it was about you." "Really?" he says, clearly flattered. "See, that’s how you’re supposed to react," she says. "When a woman tells you she’s dreamt about you, you should be thrilled. Even if you’re not interested in her whatsoever." "Apparently there are some things about you I don’t know." House takes Dominika to an indoor shooting range, and she drops bull’s-eyes right through the face of the target. "I served one year in police unit," she says. House’s beeper chimes.

"Absence of evidence on an MRI, which my team has mistaken for evidence of absence," he explains to Dominika. "This is what I am not understanding," she says. "How can you believe in dark matters but not in dark spirits? Is the idea of demon so different than the Higgs boson? We can’t see it, but we can see the impact of its presence. I borrowed your physics book. I read while in bathroom."

"You’re a dead-eye shot and enjoy reading quantum physics on the crapper," House notes, appreciatively. "I read in bathtub," she corrects him. "Better image. Thank you," he says. "Doctors say my brain is sick." Lue is talking to his grandfather later that night. Xang assures Lue that the doctors are trying their best. "But they’re not looking in the right place. I know this is a lot to put on an eight-year-old, but you have angered our ancestors by ignoring them. Now, do you remember how to talk to them?" Lue folds his hands across his chest. "That’s right, good. Now, close your eyes, and we’ll ask for forgiveness together. You’re doing good, but we have to do more. Evil spirits are in the air, and the only way to stop them is by stopping the air."

Xang covers Lue’s mouth and squeezes his throat, as Lue struggles. "You have to be brave. I’m not trying to hurt you," he tells the boy. "This will help you. I know it will." Then, suddenly – "Lue? Are you OK?"

It’s daytime, and Taub and Lida rush into Lue’s room while he’s in the throes of a night terror. "You’re safe! You’re in the hospital!" Taub yells, shaking him.

Lue insists that it was real – his grandfather grabbed his neck. Taub sees marks on Lue’s neck. "Those bruises weren’t there before," he says. "He had the dream, and then he had the bruises," Taub says to the team. House thinks it’s the opposite. He had the pain in his neck, and his brain came up with the dream to explain it. Taub thinks it’s possible for a dream to have physical manifestations.

"Is that right, Dr. Park?" House asks. "Did you wake up this morning and experience physical changes? It’s medically relevant." "The dream doesn’t mean anything. Can we start acting like it doesn’t mean anything?" Chase asks.

"Sure," House says. "We can also act like walls don’t mean anything. But then we’d hurt our noses. You’ve been taking the high road, and haven’t been teasing in an obviously tease-able
situation, because you know it does mean something. She hates the dream because it makes her feel vulnerable. You love the dream because it makes you feel superior. Poor lass who can’t help but fall sway to your charms, and you’re bestowing upon her the gift of illusory relevance.”

But about Lue, he says, "Liver failure could cause gibberish from encephalopathy and constipation, bruising, and breathing problems." He wants a biopsy of Lue’s liver. "He keeps having these nightmares, that become real." Lida is talking to Adams and Taub while they biopsy Lue’s liver. "They really hurt him. I don’t want to believe that a nightmare can do that, but..." Taub tells her that he’s struggling with it as well, although he’s sure it can be explained medically. "But, you haven’t," she says. "Every doctor, every idea they’ve had, it’s been wrong.” "Liver biopsy’s back. Team’s about to meet." Park finds Chase in the doctors’ lounge, and he notices that she’s back to not looking him in the eyes. "Want me to gaze longingly into your eyes as I tell you the test results?” she asks, sarcastically.

"I want you to treat me like a friend, which means getting over the fact that you like me more than I like you," he says. "Yeah, egotism and preening really turn me on," she says. "Well, too bad I’m not attracted to androgyny and self-pity or you’d have it made," he tells her. "Because anyone who hasn’t gotten wet from your petri dish of STDs clearly has low self-esteem," Park says. "Bitch," Chase says. "Dick," Park answers.

They begin to passionately embrace, and Park pushes Chase to the couch and rips his shirt open... "Chase, are you coming?" Chase was dreaming, awakened by Park asking him to come to the team meeting about the liver biopsy. "So, once again you don’t know what’s wrong." Lida is frustrated to hear the biopsy was negative. "It’s always good to rule out the bad things," Taub reminds her.

"Doctors!" A nurse from Lue’s room calls them, but when they walk in, they can’t believe what they see: Lue appears to levitate off the bed by about six inches, before slowly wafting back down. The only other person in the room just before: the grandfather. "Cool. So the one thing we know for sure is, he was not levitating," House is not taking Adams’ and Taub’s word on the levitation. "It was his whole body. He was levitating," Taub insists. House thinks it’s a trick – the kid is an unwitting assistant to the grandfather. But they checked the bed. No platforms or wires.

Meanwhile, House is now consumed with figuring out if Chase is trying to prove that he’s not avoiding Park and, if so, why today and not yesterday. House orders electrolytes and beta blockers for Lue, thinking the problem might be calcium-related. "And good news for Park. I think Chase had a sex dream about you.” "Dreams don’t mean anything,”Chase says, hurrying out of the room. "I don’t know. Nothing you’ve done has helped." Lida isn’t sure whether to allow the team to administer treatment, but Chase warns her that another seizure could result in permanent neurological damage. "My father-in-law, he thinks the calling ceremony didn’t work because Lue wasn’t there." She doesn’t know what to think anymore. She wants to take Lue home, since they can’t perform the ritual in the hospital. Just a day ago, she was insulted when Chase asked if she believed in spirits. But maybe Xang was right about Lue’s father. "The man I loved wasn’t evil, and would never do what he did,” she says. "He was possessed. And my son needs his soul back." "Why not? As long as he doesn’t feed the kid anything or put anything on his skin that we haven’t verified is harmless, what’s the problem?” House takes the issue to Foreman, who doesn’t seem to have a problem with Xang holding the ritual in the hospital. "It’s no different than having a priest or rabbi lead a prayer vigil. The mom is scared, and confused and desperate for anything that will give her hope.”

"True,” House says. "But in the long run, I think you’ll be happier having our lawyer declare her unfit, that way you won’t be ratifying superstition over science. And I’ll still be working here.” "And why would that make me happier?” Foreman asks. "You’re not going anywhere. We’re not ratifying their beliefs; we’re respecting them.” Does he realize it may involve animal sacrifice? "People who live in glass hospitals should not throw exorcisms,” House says. Foreman tells him he’ll talk to the mother.

"I don’t want to deny him the medicine,” Lida tells Foreman. "I just want to make sure I try everything I can.” But she has to understand it’s a hospital, not a temple, and they can’t allow Lue to leave while he’s so sick. "I spoke to a lawyer," she says. "He told me as long as I wasn’t saying no to your treatment, you couldn’t say no to my religion.” Foreman asks her for 24 hours. When House gets home, Dominika is having a fiery conversation on the phone with her mother, while holding a letter that looks suspiciously like the INS letter House threw away.

When she hangs up, House begins to apologize. "I should have told you.” But it turns out the
letter is about an uncle who was placed in a nursing home two months ago, which Dominika is only finding out about now. "My mother, I talk to her twice a week and she never even mentioned it," she says, crying on House’s shoulder. "Are you going out tonight?" she asks. "I could stay," he says. "He’s still barely breathing," Lida tells Adams the next morning. Adams tries to rouse him but there’s no response. "You’re wrong again?" Lida asks. "I’m calling his grandfather."

Xang has the room set up and he begins the ritual, as the doctors gather in House’s office. But House is less-than-enthused about the case now. "Who cares? The mom’s given up, why shouldn’t I?" Plus, if they cure Lue now, the grandpa and his "magic beads" get all the credit. "Kid’s better off dead. As soon as she’s done appeasing the gods, let’s talk."

But the team continues: Chase suggests Kawasaki disease. "Which means he needs a coronary bypass," Adams says. House doesn’t think it’s Kawasaki – he thinks it’s a patent ductus arteriosus, which Adams called a "billion to one" shot, but which would be treated just by ibuprofen. "You’re not going to let us save an eight-year-old because one more person might embrace religion?" Chase asks.

"Well, then, I have decided, for today only, to respect your opinions. We will proceed according to your diagnosis... and nothing else," House says, ominously. "That’s an order. Good luck. "Taub and Adams are getting consent for the surgery from Lida, surrounded by the sounds of Xang shaking beads, when Lue crashes. Lida doesn’t know what to do. "You need to stop this!" Adams says, pointing at Xang. Lida shakes her head. "I’m giving him the ibuprofen," Adams says. "Dinner’s almost ready." Dominika finds House laying on his bed, opting for a liquid dinner and a sulk about whether he or religion is killing Lue. She climbs on top of him. "What are you doing?" House asks. "I’m comforting my husband after a hard day," she says, and starts kissing him. They’re interrupted by a ringing phone. Dominika sees from the caller ID it’s the INS, and she races to pick it up. "This is Mrs. House! Please give good news so my husband and I can go back to sex," she says.

She gets the good news about her application. "It’s fantastic." And then she gets the less-good news. "How many notices you send me?" she asks, as House looks down. "OK, I come pick up naturalization certificate. Thank you for calling," she says. "He’s gonna be OK," Taub tells Lida and Xang. Lue’s vitals are improving, and he’s stabilizing. Lida looks at Xang: "It worked!" They don’t believe that ibuprofen could have cured such a serious condition. "I know it seems hard to believe, but it’s true," Adams says. "And I know this seems hard for you to believe," Lida says. "Honey," she says to Lue, "Grandpa was right. He saved you." "There were two things we thought were impossible. One of them wasn’t. That’s all we know," Taub says. Dominika packs up her things, crying. House’s apartment is back to its sad, old self. She gives him a halfhearted hug before she leaves. "Was I good?" Park teases Chase as they get on the elevator. "Doesn’t mean anything," Chase says. "Idea got planted. It was probably inevitable." Park disagrees. "It could mean the obvious: that you want some of this. Or, it could just mean that we like each other. I’m weird, and you’re pretty, but we connect. We feel safe. We trust each other." "Maybe," Chase says. Then Park farts in the elevator, smiling. "Just testing my theory." Chase laughs. "Adams defied me. There’s one more zealot in the world. And Dominika moved out," House tells Wilson. "She was fun. She was hot. She fixed my blender – that is not a metaphor. You know any good fake divorce lawyers? I am surprisingly depressed by this."

Wilson hesitates, not sure of how to say what he wants to say. "I have cancer," he tells House, who tries to laugh it off. "You were a little short with me the other day. You do need an excuse; cancer may be overplaying it."

But Wilson is not joking. "Stage 2 thymoma," he says. "I didn’t want to tell you until I had it confirmed." House is stunned. "I got the tests back this morning. I have cancer, House."
The C-Word

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Jessica Collins (II) (Elizabeth Lawson), Chris McKenna (Simon Lawson), Rachel Eggleston (Emily Lawson), Art Chudabala (Dr. Michael A. Kondo), Gabriel Suttle (John Taylor)
Production Code: HOU-818
Summary: The team must deal with a doctor who is also the mother of their patient, a 6-year-old girl with numerous preexisting conditions on top of her current illness. Meanwhile, House and Wilson decide to take a vacation.

Six-year-old Emily and her father Simon are at the park playing and she insists on going on the merry-go-round by herself. Simon makes her promise not to tell her mother and then takes video as the merry-go-round starts up. However, Emily starts bleeding from the nose and then falls off of the horse, and Simon yells at them to stop the ride. He jumps on board and finally finds her lying in the center, unconscious.

Wilson is looking at the scans of his tumor when House turns up at the office where he's getting treatment. House insists on staying, pointing out all the times that Wilson wouldn't leave him alone and promises not tell anyone. Wilson gives in and House pours himself a drink to celebrate, explaining that he's on vacation At the hospital, Taub figures that it's a sign of the Apocalypse that House is taking a vacation. Foreman tells the team that they have a case of Emily, who was born with a rare mutation of A-T. The doctor with him is Dr. Elizabeth Lawson, a developmental geneticist who is an expert on Emily's condition. Chase points out that Emily's last name is also Lawson and Elizabeth admits that she's the patient's mother, but she's there as a doctor. She insist it's not a natural progression and explains that her lungs are functioning normally. Elizabeth disagrees with their diagnoses immediately, saying she has already considered the easy solutions and calling Foreman by his first name. Park suggests Wegener's granulomatosis and Elizabeth agrees that it's a good fit, but warns that they can't do x-rays because the A-T makes Emily sensitive to radiation. As Elizabeth goes to prep the MRI, Foreman tells the team that she'll be an asset and makes it clear that it's an order, not a request.

Wilson's oncologist, Dr. Michael A. Kondo, warns him that the tumor has spread to the surrounding tissue and that they'll have to shrink it before they remove it. He says that they'll use radiation treatment three days a week and then go to chemo, but Wilson points out that if it
hasn’t shrunk by that point he’ll be dead. Kondo tries to reassure him, saying they caught in in
time, but Wilson wants the radiation and chemo concurrently. When Kondo refuses, Wilson says
that he’s going to get a second opinion and walks out. House watches the entire thing and Kondo
tells him to talk to Wilson, but House tells him that Wilson is right.

At Emily’s room, Elizabeth complains about Simon taking Emily on the merry-go-round, say-
ing that she has balance issues. Taub and Adams arrive and Elizabeth explains that Simon had
her for the week when Emily collapsed. Elizabeth wakes her daughter up and tells them that
they’re taking her for a MRI.

House and Wilson play Beer Battleship and House finally asks why his friend freaked out with
Kondo. Wilson says that he wasn’t freaking out but House says that Kondo was right. He warns
him that every day that Wilson waits is another day that the tumor gets larger. Wilson says that
he’s going off on his own and walks away.

As Adams and Taub run the MRI, Emily tells them that she was just pretending to be asleep
earlier to avoid her parents fighting over her. Taub says that his children do the same thing, but
avoids saying that he’s divorced. Adams comments that Elizabeth refers to her daughter as “the
patient,” and Taub sympathizes. Emily starts crying in pain and they run in and discover that
she’s suffering from necrosis of the fingertips.

Back in differential, Taub says that they restored circulation and Adams suggest stress. She
tells Elizabeth that Emily heard her parents fighting, but Elizabeth says that her daughter has
heard worse, ruling out stress. Adams comments that Elizabeth refers to her daughter as “the
patient,” and Taub sympathizes. Emily starts crying in pain and they run in and discover that
she’s suffering from necrosis of the fingertips.

Chase and Adams break into Elizabeth’s house and discover that she has medical equip-
ment and drugs in her basement. They discover that Elizabeth is using LEX-2, an experimental
antibiotic that can override DNA errors, and Chase suspects that she’s administering it to her
daughter. Adams isn’t convinced but Chase points out that there aren’t any lab rats.

House comes to see Wilson in his office and tells him that he’s been checking. Wilson has
been to seen four other doctors and in each case wanted chemo doses so high that there’s a one
in three chance it could kill him outright. House figure Wilson didn’t tell him because he already
found someone insane or stupid enough to give him the potentially lethal dose of chemicals.
He’s also figured that Wilson is ready to administer it to himself and finds the box of drugs in
the office. Wilson says that he was going to do it at his place and House prepares to cut open
the chemo bags. His friend tells him to stop, saying that he’s still healthy and he wants to go
the extreme route now when he has a better chance of surviving it. House points out that the
treatment is just as lethal as the tumor, and Wilson tells him about all of his patients that had
a high chance of survival and still died. He insists that he won’t die slowly in a hospital bed no
matter how great the chance he’ll survive. House tells him that he’s an idiot... and they’ll do it at
House’s apartment.

Chase takes the LEX-2 to Foreman, who confronts Elizabeth. She insists that she tested the
drug on herself first and didn’t document any adverse effects. Foreman points out that a trial
of one is irrelevant but Elizabeth explains that LEX-2 won’t be approved for at least five years.
Without the drug, Emily would already be dead. Foreman has checked with another researcher
and confirmed that the drug has been linked to renal failure in lab rats. They’ll need to do an
ultrasound renal biopsy to check for damage, and Chase hopes that it’s reversible as Elizabeth
stares in shock.

Wilson and House prepare to administer the chemo and House proposes a toast. He describes
every excruciating symptom that his friend will suffer and then asks what they’re doing there.
After a moment, Wilson hands him the chemo bag.

Chase does the ultrasound biopsy as Simon looks on and assures Emily that she’s doing
fine. Elizabeth watches as Emily complains of chest pains and starts coughing up blood. Chase
confirms that it isn’t her liver.

House gets Wilson some soup and Wilson thanks him for taking the risk. His friend assures
him that he’s already picked out a spot to dump the body if things go wrong, and notes that
Wilson is already suffering muscle spasms ahead of schedule. As they continue the treatment,
Wilson admits that he thought that he’d have a family to look after him when he got old and
sick. House points out that they both have everything they need: industrial strength painkiller. He administers it to Wilson and himself at the same time and tells his friend that they're on vacation.

At the hospital, Chase tells the team that he figures they're looking at side effects from the LEX-2. Taub suggests a clot from Emily's fall and Elizabeth immediately orders heparin in case her daughter suffers an embolism. The team gets a page that Simon is checking Emily out. They go to the lobby and discover that Simon is taking Emily to a different hospital. He points out that everything they've done has failed and that Elizabeth was the one who treated their daughter like a lab rat. Chase tells them to stop fighting as the girl clamps her hands over her ears. They tell Emily that they're just going to talk and Chase takes her to get some candy. Taub tells Simon about their new diagnosis and warns that Emily could die before the new doctors are up to speed. When Taub tells Simon that the clot was caused by the fall on the carousel, he blames himself. Elizabeth says they should stop blaming each other but Simon angrily points out that she knows nothing about Emily other than what she's seen when she had the girl in her basement. In return, Elizabeth asks Simon what he knows about her medical condition and says that if she can't find a cure then their daughter will die. Simon asks her to make Emily better and walks away.

Wilson wakes up and finds a boy sitting next to him. There's no sign of House and the boy says that he just walked in. He's playing with a toy that belonged to one of his patients and Wilson realizes it's John Taylor, a child that he promised would live. John asks why he died if he didn't do anything wrong, and Wilson wonders if he's dead. He wakes up and House tells him that it just feels that way.

Taub and Park run another MRI as Elizabeth looks on. He explains that he knows that it's easy to forget what matters. Elizabeth says that she hasn't. They confirm that there's no clot, but Emily's eyes are jaundiced, meaning her liver's failing. Back in differential, the team confirms that they found a blockage restricting blood flow to her liver. Elizabeth suggests that they're seeing the end result of her condition and says that she shouldn't be there. She walks out of the conference room and the team tries to work out what's wrong. Taub suggests advanced Lyme disease and Chase notes that they wouldn't pick it up if it were advanced.

However, that doesn't explain why it suddenly became active. Adams suggests that Emily has changed since Elizabeth stopped giving her the LEX-2. It was keeping the Lyme in check, and they start her on amoxicillin.

Wilson continues suffering as House tends to him. He informs Wilson that his white cell count is dropping and says that they're out of morphine. Wilson realizes that House has been using his personal stash of painkillers and wonders if he has enough for both of them. House gives him the pills without comment and then limps out to condition and counts his few remaining pills. He then drinks some whiskey instead.

Elizabeth holds Emily's hand while Simon sits nearby. Chase and Adams come in and explain their diagnosis, but Elizabeth says that there's no chance she could have gotten Lyme. Emily admits that she went into the woods with Simon, who explains that he took her to take photos in the forest. Elizabeth admits that they can't protect her from everything and calmly says that they need a lumbar puncture to confirm.

Wilson finally pulls himself off of the medical sensors and crawls across the floor to the bathroom. He refuses to let House change his adult diapers and admits that he's pathetic. Wilson realize he was telling his patient not to bother finding an answer, and figures he should have been a self-centered manipulative ass like House... because then he would have felt like he deserved cancer.

As Chase and Adams do the LP, Emily wonders if her parents will get back together when she dies. She complains about paralysis of the arm and Chase confirms that she's having a stroke. Emily's white cell count drops and House says that they have to go to the hospital now. Wilson holds his friend to his promise, insisting that he'd rather die in the apartment than in an ambulance or a hospital. Crying, he begs House not to do it to him and makes him promise. After a moment, House promises.

The team goes over the new symptom and try to put things together. They wonder what could mimic an embolism and worry that House isn't there to help. Park suggests cancer and Taub points out that cancer wouldn't present in three days. Chase says that it's an atrial myxoma, a tumor that is blocking blood flow and causing the clots and all of the symptoms. Chase tells
Elizabeth and Simon that they can remove the tumor surgically and hope that it's benign.

The next morning, Wilson wakes up and House offers him a glass of water. He tells his friend that they can wait seven to ten days for the swelling to go down, rescan, and schedule the surgery to remove the shrunken tumor. Wilson tries to apologize for what he said but House claims that he ignored it all and complains about his leg pain. He then helps Wilson to the bathroom, and Wilson realizes that House gave up his Vicodin for him. He also realizes that what he felt like is what House goes through all the time, but House admits that at least he doesn’t have cancer.

Chase tells the Lawsons that the tumor was benign and they removed all of it. Emily wonders if she’s okay and Elizabeth admits that she’s still sick because of her genetic condition. Simon says that it’s never stopped them before and plans a trip to the aquarium, and Elizabeth asks if she can go too.

Wilson and House arrive at the hospital and Wilson says that he’ll see him at lunch. He goes to his office and discovers that House has sent him photos of Wilson unconscious from the chemo, posed with prostitutes and booze.
Post Mortem

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Recurring Role: Bobbin Bergstrom (Nurse)
Guest Stars: Jamie Elman (Dr. Peter Treiber), Peter Weller (Dr. Penza), Carol Herman (Ina), Carole Gutierrez (Helen), Jennifer Christopher (Molly), Jeremy Scott Glenn (Orderly)
Production Code: HOU-819
Summary: With House missing, the team must treat a pathologist at the hospital who trusts no one except House. To treat him, Chase and the others must convince their patient that House is still advising them.

Dr. Penza is trying to resuscitate a patient, Diana, and fails. He calls it and the body is taken to the morgue. Dr. Peter Treiber prepares to do the autopsy and confirms a myocardial infection, but that Penza never caught it and gave steroids, aggravating her condition. Treiber records his recommendation to investigate Penza’s patient care, noting it’s his third such recommendation. As Treiber begins to cut open the brain, he suddenly places the scalpel to his own head and starts cutting. When an orderly comes in, Treiber complains about feeling cold as blood seeps down his face.

House arrives at the hospital parking garage and parks, as Wilson pulls up in a new sports car. He parks in a handicap spot and tells House that he’s decided to dedicate himself to selfishness and embracing the shallow. House points out that his scan is in three days and wonders if he’s killing time, but Wilson says that he’s driving to meet Julie Christie, his boyhood crush. She’s hosting an animal charity in Cleveland and Wilson boasts that he’s abandoning his patients to indulge himself. House doesn’t believe it and Wilson doesn’t care if he believes him as he lets the elevator door close in someone’s face.

At the conference room, Foreman gives House the files on Treiber and notes that the tox screen is clean. House suggests Walking Corpse Syndrome and dismisses it as uninteresting now that he’s solved it. However, Foreman points out that there’s he’s already ruled that out and explains that Treiber won’t let anyone but House next to him. As House takes an interest, Park asks how Wilson is doing. House says that they’re waiting to see if the chemo shrunk his tumor. After asking if they can help, Adams suggests liver failure while House wonders why Chase hates Treiber. Taub points out that no one likes Treiber and vice versa, because he finds their mistakes. Park insists that Treiber makes sure that doctors are accountable, while Chase wonders if Treiber caught something from Diana, who used dimethyl sulfoxide. He suggests that the defibrillator converted it to dimethyl sulfate, releasing toxic fumes.
Park suggests clots and House tells Adams and Chase to ultrasound for clots while Taub and Park check for toxins.

As Chase and Adams ultrasound Treiber, the pathologist complains that House isn’t there. Chase assures him that they’re carrying out House’s direct orders, and Treiber points out that his error margin is smaller than Chase’s. They check and don’t find any clots.

Taub and Park don protective suits and check out the morgue. Park is impressed that Treiber has kept a record of all of the doctors’ errors. She points out that he noticed a link in child deaths that led to the creation of new policy. There’s no sign of dimethyl sulfate and Park suggests more tests. She notes that he uses non-standard tools like a hunting knife, and they both find dozens of energy drinks.

Wilson comes in to House’s office and suggests a road trip. House isn’t interested in listening to Wilson’s whines, telling him that he hasn’t changed and won’t despite Wilson’s insistence that he has. Wilson, undeterred, warns that he’ll inject House with Propofol when he isn’t expecting it and take him along. As Wilson leaves, the team comes in and shows House the caffeine energy drinks. They figure they just have to hydrate him for 24 hours and House leaves, declaring the case closed.

That night, Treiber has abdominal pains and they determine that there is distention. The next day in differential, the team gathers without House and tries to differentiate without success. When they have no luck, they try to call House and discover that he and Wilson left their cell phones in Wilson’s office.

Wilson and House hit the road and Wilson insists on driving himself and stopping for nothing. House admits that he’s impressed with Wilson’s attempts to maintain his façade. He’s surprised that Wilson hasn’t talked about it, and Wilson still refuses to talk about it. Wilson prefers to use the name Kyle Calloway for the next three days and be a different person who shares no qualities with James Wilson.

Treiber refuses to let the team do anything without House. Chase suggests cancer causing an intussusception and proposes that they trick him into thinking that House ordered the x-ray to check.

House and Wilson stop at a roadside diner and House figures that he left the phones behind so he wouldn’t backslide and call his ex-wives. Wilson orders an 80-ounce steak that he gets free if he eats in an hour, and even House is impressed.

Taub and Chase get the x-ray and find no sign of an intussusception. They claim that House said it was there and Treiber tells them to run his bowels. When they warn that it takes serious surgery, Treiber says that he knows it’s easy to miss an obstruction on a scan and he refuses any other treatment until they do. He then asks Chase to do the surgery, admitting he has the statistically lowest error rate in the hospital.

With time running out and everyone cheering, Wilson tries to finish the steak. House feeds him the last piece and Wilson swallows it as the crowd applauds... and then he throws up.

Treiber is taken into surgery and Chase asks why he treats him like an idiot. The pathologist says that Chase is wasting his talent and explains that he relocated to Princeton and broke up his girlfriend just so he could work with House on a fellowship. However, Chase’s father made a call and suddenly Chase was in and Treiber was out. Treiber points out that Chase was given everything that he should have had but hasn’t done anything with it after nine years.

Wilson cleans up in the bathroom and tells House that he’s glad he did it. For one fleeting moment for a stupid reason, he was a hero and it felt good. Wilson then goes out and orders dessert.

Chase conducts the surgery and checks Treiber’s bowels, and points out to Taub that when House was in the hospital, he spent the nine months surfing. He admits that while Foreman and Cameron have moved on with their careers and become successful. They find an obstruction in the bowels but it’s not an intussusception. The team tries to call House without success, and Chase refuses to tell anyone. He suggests that Treiber is in the middle of an intermittent porphyria attack. The drug to treat will injure him if he’s wrong, but Chase doesn’t believe they are and warns that if they don’t treat with hemin then Treiber will soon die. He leaves, ignoring Adams’ objections.

As they drive, Wilson tells House that he wants a threesome and not think about consequences. House finally agrees and tells Wilson to do exactly what he tells him.
Chase tells Treiber that House believes that they should go with the hemin, and the heavily anesthetized Treiber agrees.

When House tells Wilson to shave his head, he goes with a bald cap instead and they go to a bar. House explains that cancer sympathy is the best way to get a woman, and points out attractive woman. Wilson realizes that she’s a hooker and refuses to pay, but House says that it’s his treat. Wilson suggests the bartender and when she comes over, House tells her that Wilson is dying of cancer. She takes sympathy on him and House asks when she gets out.

Treiber has pleural effusions, confirming it isn’t porphyria. He demands to see House and Chase finally admits that they don’t know where he is.

The next morning, Wilson comes out of a hotel room and knocks on the car where House is sleeping. He admits that the threesome was confusing and sad, but exactly what he needed. He thanks House and suggests he buy him wallet because one of the women stole his wallet.

Foreman calls the team in and tells them that Treiber isn’t pressing charges despite the fact that they lied to him. Treiber has agreed to let Foreman handle the case and he’s ordered a cardiac MRI. Chase is fine with the decision and starts to leave, but Foreman tells him that he isn’t off the case. Taub suggests sarcoidosis but Chase disagrees, insisting it’s a prion disease. Adams agreed, suggesting that Treiber caught it from a brain in storage. Foreman thinks that Treiber is too good to have made the mistake, but Chase points out that Treiber thinks that way about every other doctor. He says that they should treat for sarcoidosis and psion disease, but Taub points out that they can’t do both. Foreman tells them to biopsy Treiber’s heart.

House is down to $20 and says they can’t use his credit cards because he’s violating his probation by going out of state, and the credit cards will send up a flag. Wilson is confident they have enough gas to get to Julie Christie and doesn’t care about anything else. House wonders how long Wilson’s will keep up the charade, but Wilson says that it’s no charade and House admits that he likes his friend’s new personality.

Chase goes to the morgue and begins checking the brains stored in the freezer.

Wilson and House come to a funeral crossing and are forced to wait. As they watch the procession pass, Wilson stares at it for a moment and then finally drives past it. However, further down the road, Wilson loses control and drives the car through a fence and into a field. Once he makes sure House is okay, he tells him to start walking the last eleven miles.

Chase is sectioning brains when Park comes in and tells him that there’s fibrosis in the cardiac muscle, meaning that it isn’t sarcoidosis or prion disease. She points out that Chase is being a baby but he figures that it has to be something in the morgue because that’s where he spends all his time. Chase explains that Treiber and Foreman don’t see him qualified, and admits that they’re right. He tells Park that he won’t leave until he solves the case, and when it’s over, he’s quitting.

Park tells Foreman and the others, who don’t believe that Chase is quitting. Foreman suggests an infection and Park points out that Chase predicted he would say that. They begin treatment for infection, and Taub wonders if Chase is serious. Foreman doesn’t believe it but Taub warns that he’s going to lose a good doctor. Foreman just stare at him and Taub walks away in disgust.

House and Wilson wait for a bus with an elderly woman, Ina. Wilson realizes that she’s suffering from Alzheimer and has no idea when the next bus is coming. A cab comes by and House hails it, but Wilson refuses to leave Ina. He hesitates and House tries to convince Ina to come with them. Wilson objects and then says that he’ll stay with her. House sends the cab on its way and sits down with Wilson and Ina.

Foreman goes to the morgue to see Chase, who is running tests for MRSA. Chase explains that he’s learned enough to run his own team and it’s time to move on. However, he admits that he’s felt that way every year. Foreman suggests he needs someone else calling the shots, and Chase figures that he came down to act like House and insult him into making a decision. His friend concedes the point and tells him that he’ll either rise to the challenge and quit, or stay as a team member.

Treiber crashes as Park changes his IV bag and they confirm that he’s gone into a coma. The team goes to the morgue and concedes that Chase might be right. However, he admits that he isn’t and that he’s gone through all of Treiber’s records. They’re thorough to a fault which means they missed something. As Chase cleans his hands, he realizes that it’s the soap and leaves.

House and Wilson finally sell Wilson’s watch and catch a bus back to Newark, and Wilson admits that he blew it. He couldn’t even have three days of meaningless fun, and admits that he
never had a crush with Julie Christie. He had a crush on a girl in high school who looked like Julie Christie, but she ended up with another guy who had a car, a band, and a mustache. The guy was Kyle Calloway, and the girl asked Wilson if he minded if she went with him. He said that he didn't and that was it. Wilson tells House that he doesn't want to go back and let a CT decide his fate—he just wants to keep on being Kyle. House tells him that "Kyle" would have ditched the old woman and House, and says that he can live without Kyle.

Treiber wakes up and Chase tells him that he screwed up. His industrial-strength antibacterial soap made his thyroid shut down. That combined with the energy drinks caused hypothyroidism. The sedatives kicked him into a myxedema crisis. Treiber concedes that he wouldn't have thought of the diagnosis and Chase points out that House taught him to look for the irony. As Chase goes, Treiber tells him that it wasn't House who diagnosed him.

Chase goes to see Foreman and tosses him his locker key. Foreman offers him his own team, but Chase says that it's time to step out of the shadow. After a moment, Foreman tells him that it's about time and hugs him. Chase then goes down to the CT chamber where House is monitoring Wilson. He thanks House and they shake hands. House admits that it's been fun and Chase tells him to let him know about Wilson. Once he's gone, Wilson asks why House let him go, and House starts to explain... and then stares at the CT monitor in shock.
"I'm not doing anymore chemo." Wilson arrives at House's door at the arranged time, and House has the supercharged chemo equipment set up for his friend, but Wilson is now resigned to his fate. "Five more months on this earth is reasonable," he says. "A year in the hospital in excruciating pain is not." He won't be persuaded otherwise. Certainly not by House's best-case scenario of two-week-on, two-week-off chemo potentially delivering only two-to-three more years. "I'm not going to let you just die!" House yells to his friend.

"You know, management research shows that the best ideas come from casual contact. So, one set of season tickets. I've got the seat next to you." Foreman greets House when he arrives at the hospital with a friendly gesture, but as the first game is almost a month after Wilson is expected to pass away, House is skeptical that it's just an attempt to keep him from falling apart. "I'm trying to show you there are other people who care about you," Foreman says.

"Forty-six-year-old oncologist refuses treatment..." House wants to DDx Wilson, but the team is intently watching a video of Derrick, a 19-year-old cheerleader who drops a fellow cheerleader and gets a bloody nose during practice. It was Foreman's idea. "He wants us to keep things as normal as possible, for as long as possible," Adams says. With Wilson dying and Chase gone?

Taub carries on: Derrick was admitted not just with a massive nose bleed but dizziness.

"My best friend is trying to kill himself," House reminds them. "He just wants to die with a little dignity." Adams tells him. But House doesn't think that's possible. "It's a midline granuloma," he says of Derrick, before retreating to his own office to plan his next move.

"Oh, crap, turn off the mic!" Taub and Park are in the monitoring booth while Derrick gets a PET scan to confirm House's diagnosis when Taub realized Derrick can hear them. Except he
can’t. The mic is off. "Not according to his brain," Taub says, looking at his monitor. "His temporal lobe is completely lit up. The auditory portion. He’s hearing something." Derrick is confused by House’s sudden appearance in his office - and why is he dragging an IV pole? More importantly, why does he feel so dizzy? Before he can deny House’s accusation, Wilson begins to put it together: House has drugged his coffee. Wilson slumps over on his desk as House hooks in the IV. "Our patient is hearing voices," Taub tells House. Derrick denies it, but the PET scan tells a different story. "He’s at the right age for the onset of schizophrenia," Park notes. They hardly need House for this. Though Derrick’s tox screen was clear, House wants them to check his dorm for drugs. Taub and Adams find Derrick’s stoner roommate, but he claims Derrick is straight. Adams finds something odd, though: a picture of a young boy hidden in sock drawer. "We need to talk to Derrick about some medical matters." Adams and Taub try to politely usher out Derrick’s girlfriend to ask about the picture, but Derrick says that she can stay. He’s surprised when they pull out the picture. "It’s my brother, Christopher," he says, sadly. He’s never mentioned him because he’s been dead for almost ten years. Adams gets it: "Is that the voice you hear in your head?"

"So now my hair’s going to fall out next week?" Wilson is not amused when he wakes up. "No, all I did was temporarily kill you. How was it?" House asks. House simulated “death” by dosing Wilson with a high-powered anesthetic. "No dreams, no thoughts, you experienced nothing. Now imagine that without the waking up on the couch part. Nothing times infinity." But Wilson doesn’t think he proved death is nothing, only that propofol is. House is confused. "You’re saying the end is not the end? I was expecting, ‘Nothing is better than something lousy,’ but not ‘The angels are waiting for me.’"

Wilson has no interest in having this conversation with House. "I’m not going to change your mind, and I don’t care," Wilson says. "More importantly, you’re not going to change mine." He’s spent 20 years watching people die. "When I watch that transformation, sorry, I don’t believe that we’re just a bag of chemicals."

"So, are we going to talk about the patient, or wait for House?" Park asks the team in the outer office, while House is otherwise occupied in his office. She and Adams want to go talk to him, but Taub doesn’t think there’s anything anyone can do. "Temporal lobe epilepsy. Causes voices, dizziness. Trauma from the seizure would explain the nose bleed," he says of Derrick.

"You know about all of my siblings, and cousins and aunts and uncles..." Taub and Adams come to get Derrick for a test and walk in on a fight with his girlfriend about the brother she never knew he had. Derrick says she’s overreacting, but when Adams invites her to stay while they perform the test, she says she’s leaving. "Derrick, come on. I mean, we should at least talk," she says. "No, I’d rather you just leave. You don’t need to come back." "Any odd tastes or smells?" Adams is running Derrick through a battery of potentially seizure-inducing tests, but there’s no reaction. She begins to remove the electrodes. "So, you won’t admit to your doctors that you’re hearing your brother’s voice, which is dangerous. And now, you lost your girlfriend over it, which is stupid. I assume there’s more to the story?" she asks.

He begins to tell the story of how his father drank himself into oblivion after his brother was killed by a drunk driver, when suddenly Derrick starts rubbing his eye. "Do you need a tissue?" Adams asks, but he says no and continues.

"After Dad left, my mom moved us away," he says. "She got rid of all the pictures of Christopher, and never mentioned him again. It was like he never existed. And that worked for us."

Suddenly his eye is bothering him again. "I was seeing spots, but now I can’t see at all. Is that from the test?" Nope. She starts pushing and rubbing his eye ball. He can see again, fuzzily at least. She broke up a clot in the artery behind his eye. "Is that bad?" he asks. "I don’t know, because I don’t know why it happened," she says. "I recently hacked into your old files," House tells Wilson, leading him to a table in the crowded cafeteria. House found the case of a six-year-old boy with bilateral retinoblastoma; while other doctors recommended removing both eyes before the cancer spread, Wilson advocated for a new photon beam radiation. "Saved the kid’s vision, probably saved his life," House says.

Wilson remembers: Mikey Kimball, his first case at the hospital. And who should be sitting at the table where House stops, but Mikey, now Michael, who is about to graduate and wants to go to med school. "He’s going to be a doctor, instead of being dead," House says.

House told Michael about Wilson’s cancer. "There’s so much you can do, even in a small
amount of time,” Michael says. "You saved my life in just a few months." "I wonder . . ." House begins, as he rises to address the cafeteria. "Is there anyone else here who’s alive because of Dr. James Wilson?"

Nearly everyone rises. House has gathered them to thank Wilson for saving their lives and giving them time they wouldn’t have had otherwise.

House says, "I did the math: 74 children are alive today because of you; 14 grandchildren." Which is a very touching moment, until Wilson does some math of his own. "Mikey Kimball started kindergarten before the age cutoff. He would have graduated high school last year.” None of them were really patients of Wilson’s. "A glowing recommendation you just wrote for me on my laptop.” Taub hands Foreman a prewritten letter. "I notice it’s lacking your signature on the bottom.” Just as Foreman is chiding Taub for prematurely predicting House’s demise, and pointing out that he’s actually dealing with his feelings . . . he notices that there appears to be water coming from underneath the door to his bathroom. House. "I didn’t do it," House tells him. "Whatever ‘it’ is. But if I had shoved those season tickets down some toilets, I wold have done it because you asked me to. You wanted to replace Wilson. I prank Wilson all the time. Enjoy.”

"I got you three. But I drank them.” Wilson beckons Thirteen to his beer-bottle-strewn diner table. "You didn’t have to call me,” she says. "But I appreciate I made the list.” It wasn’t entirely unselfish. He didn’t feel like he could talk to any of his terminal patients. "But, what is it like? Does it ever stop being surreal?” "It’ll stop in about five or six months, give or take, in your case," she answers.

He had a new experience today: one of his patients cried for him. Thirteen says that’s the human response: either overly saccharine because it makes them feel good to give sympathy, or they ignore you, because hiding from mortality makes them feel better.

"Why can’t they just say something that makes me feel better?” Wilson asks. "Like what, exactly?” Thirteen laughs. But of course there’s no answer for that. He tells her about wanting to spend his remaining time not in a chemo suite but with family and friends. "Friends, or friend?” Thirteen asks.

"Hi, this is Greg House. Again. Third message. Hopefully indicating how much I want you to call me back. I’d say that your son is dying to increase the urgency, but you probably already know that.” House has advanced his campaign to Wilson’s parents now, as he walks the team down the hall to a bathroom.

Meanwhile, some of Derrick’s symptoms seem like they might be psychological. "Grief avoidance can lead to all sorts of anxiety disorders, which can manifest into physical illness.” Park says, as House downs a handful of Vicodin. House naturally dismisses the idea. "So we’re going to avoid grief avoidance?” Adams asks.

Maybe Derrick hurt himself at practice and never told anyone. "Could have set off DIC, would explain everything,” Adams says. Why are they standing outside a bathroom? "I didn’t say I had to go in,” House explains. A janitor soon emerges. "Need some more mops in here!” he yells, revealing flooding as House smiles. "What exactly are you looking for?” Derrick asks Park as she performs a lumbar puncture. She’s looking for blood. If his spinal fluid is yellow instead of clear, it means he’s had a subarachnoid hemorrhage. And she thinks his mother didn’t let him grieve over his brother’s death. "There are people here who could help you with that.” But before they can continue, she stops the procedure: "The opening pressure’s way too high.” "The prodigal daughter returns.” Thirteen announces herself to House, who’s watching patients in the chemotherapy suite. She’s talked to Wilson. "Friends respect each other’s decisions, even if they don’t agree with them. It’s called loyalty.” House thinks loyalty is just a tool to get people to do things they don’t want to do. That doesn’t square with Thirteen, though. He fired her so she would be forced to spend the rest of her life doing exactly what she wants. "It was probably the most selfless thing anyone has ever done for me. And you don’t even like me that much.”

"I surrender. I have been a disloyal, disrespectful jerk. I should have listened to what you wanted.” House waves the white flag, literally, in Wilson’s office. He wants to have dinner tonight. "No more tricks, no more manipulations.” "I came as soon as I got your message. Is he going to be OK?” Derrick’s mom arrives, and Adams tells her they hope it’s just excess fluid on Derrick’s brain from an extreme migraine. Not good, but treatable. Derrick’s mom sees the picture of Christopher by Derrick’s bed and recoils. "He’s been hearing Christopher’s voice for the last ten years, and it’s possible that repressing all that grief he felt is actually causing some of Derrick’s symptoms,” Adams tells her.
“I don’t even know if this voice in my head is something I invented or if it’s what Christopher was really like,” Derrick says. “With no photos, no video, my memories . . . I really don’t have any anymore. Maybe you could just tell me a little bit about him?” But his mom just excuses herself to get a cup of coffee. “I’m sorry, it was a long drive in.” “I know that the tiramisu here is excellent, but I ordered off-menu,” House tells Wilson at dinner, while the waiter unveils a plate full of Oreos. It registers immediately with him. “Great. I told you you didn’t hang the bear bag high enough.” “He was a smart bear,” House says. “I’m almost certain he untied my knots.” “Well, he wasn’t that smart. He left the Oreos behind,” Wilson says. “You hiked 32 miles, eating nothing but creamy filling,” House notes. “The black stuff is overrated,” Wilson says.

House raises a cookie to Wilson: “To climbing the hill.” But now it seems like he’s having a change of heart. “If I did decide to stick around a little longer - I do feel pretty good. Maybe I should try it for a little while.” “I think that’s reasonable,” House admits, which makes Wilson think the whole dinner was a con. “You drown me in nostalgia so I’ll think about our friendship and feel some kind of loyalty and agree to more chemo,” he says.

House is adamant it was real nostalgia and a real decision. “I need you, OK? I want you to be around as long as possible. Because I don’t know what I’m going to do without you.” Wilson cuts him off and gets up to leave. “No! Don’t do that. I don’t owe you anything. Our entire relationship has been about you. My dying is about me.”

House finds him later crying in his car. “You don’t want to die,” House says. Of course not, but he tried. “One time. You don’t have to just accept it.”

“Yes! I do have to accept it,” Wilson argues. “I have five months to live, and you’re making me go through this alone! I’m pissed because I’m dying, and it’s not fair. And I need a friend. I need to know that you’re there. I need you to tell me that my life was worthwhile. And I need you to tell me that you love me.” House is near tears now, too. But he’s not giving in. “I won’t tell you that unless you fight.”

“Blood vessels are non-reactive. It’s not a migraine.” Park and Adams review Derrick’s scans from the monitoring booth. “Hey, I’m not feeling so well. How much longer?” he says from the chamber. They’re done, so Park presses a button and the bed slides out from the machine. “Thank you, Dr. Adams.”

Before she has time to process his mistake, she notices water dripping from the ceiling. “It looks like the ceiling might . . .” And then it does: it crashes down on top of Adams, Park and Derrick, followed by a deluge of water, shorting out all the equipment and the lights. “What are you doing back here?” Taub asks House, who finds the team after meandering through the wet wreckage of the hospital, now on backup power, with sections cordoned off and full of firemen. Adams is furious, as Taub tends to her wounds. “You think actually showing up for work is enough to make up for ruining an MRI, endangering the patient, injuring us?” He doesn’t seem too concerned. “I’ve got an airtight alibi . . . that I’m working on.”

Taub thinks he’s back only because something’s going on with Wilson, but House says it’s all in Wilson’s hands now. “Get any good pictures before the MRI drowned?” Park tells him they ruled out a migraine and mentions that Derrick confused her with Adams, which gets House thinking.

“So, what do you think’s going to happen when I stick a needle into his ear drum?” House gathers the team in Derrick’s room. “He’ll scream in pain,” Adams argues. “Very small needle, very steady hand.” House says, tilting Derrick’s head back and inserting the syringe. “Now, when I pull back on the plunger what do you think’s going to come out?” Air? Nope, it’s blood. “Persistent stapedial artery. Should disappear in the embryonic stage, but just like his dead brother, he really can’t let go. It’s an artery that’s been pressing against the temporal lobe of his brain, right above the ear canal. Explains the voices, the dizziness, everything. And you guys can explain how we’re going to make it better.”

“You’re being an ass,” Taub tells House in the hall. “You can’t just give up on Wilson. You know he needs you. You know he’s making an impossible choice. He just doesn’t want to live in pain.”

“Life is pain!” House screams. “I wake up every morning, I’m in pain! I go to work in pain! You know how many times I wanted to just give up? How many times I thought about ending it?” “Had to delay the surgery because our patient drank ammonia from the janitor’s cart,” Park tells House the next day. “I guess he didn’t want to live without his brother’s voice.” House turns and starts furiously walking toward Derrick’s room.
"You can’t wait to die? Here, let me help you," he says, and he starts wrapping Derrick’s breathing tube around his neck and choking him. Park and Derrick’s mom try to pull House off as Derrick fights to breathe. "See! You want to live!" It looks like House might really harm Derrick, when Park smacks him with his own cane. "You spent your whole life looking for truth! But sometimes, the truth just sucks," she says.

"I’m going to be leaving quite a bit earlier than we had talked about," Wilson tells Foreman. "Next day or two." Foreman guesses correctly that this change of plans is House-related. "He’s not my child. I cannot be responsible for the happiness of Gregory House."

"You are responsible," Foreman says. "The past 20 years, you’ve had three wives, hundreds of colleagues, thousands of patients. But you’ve kept that one best friend." "He wants me to suffer the misery that I don’t want to go through," Wilson says. "Chemo won’t make your life any better, but caring will," Foreman tells him. "Enduring pain to do some good for someone you care about - isn’t that what life is?"

At home, House ices his neck where Park beaned him and plays some sad music on the piano. Wilson is home alone, too. He reaches into a cupboard for a bottle of wine and sees a package of Oreos and smiles. "Mom? That picture of Christopher that I had on the stand - did you take it?" Derrick asks his mom. She did, but she didn’t throw it out. "If I agree to get the surgery, can you bring that picture back?"

Taub and the team successfully perform the surgery on Derrick.

"Not home!" House yells from his piano bench to whoever is banging on his door. It’s Wilson. "I’m ready to start the next round of chemo," he says. House is confused. "Why?" "Because you need me, and I don’t think that’s a bad thing anymore." "No," House says. "You’re the only one I listen to. The last couple of days I didn’t, and I almost killed my patient. I think it’s time for you to accept that you’re just smarter than I am."

"Are you really OK that there’s only five months left?" Wilson asks. "No, but it’s better than nothing," House says. "Um, how do we start?" Wilson asks. "Well, I’m not going to say I love you," House tells him. "Thank God," Wilson says. "Got any Oreos?"

"The surgery worked," Derrick tells his mom, sadly. He knows because he no longer hears Christopher’s voice. She brings out the picture, the one he knows, plus a bunch more she hung on to. "And this is the peak, almost 8,000 feet." Wilson is showing House the mountain he wants to hike. "You do realize that my leg situation has deteriorated since the last time we went hiking?" House asks. "Just add another day," Wilson says. They’re interrupted by Foreman and the hospital lawyer. "Are these yours?"

He holds up bits and pieces of the tickets that House used to clog the plumbing, which ruined the MRI machine. They have House’s name and fingerprints. "OK, well why don’t you tell me how many hours of picking up trash you want me to do," House says. But it won’t be that simple. The fire department gave the tickets to the police, who contacted House’s parole officer. It’s felony vandalism.

"He’s going to revoke your parole. There’s nothing we can do," Foreman says. The lawyer says House must report to jail on Monday and serve the remainder of his sentence. The dread sets in. "And that’s . . . that’s how long?" House asks. "Six months," Foreman tells him.
Everybody Dies

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Guest Stars: Jennifer Morrison (Dr. Allison Cameron), James LeGros (Oliver), Patrick Price (Nurse Jeffrey), Jaclyn Jonet (Amy), Patrick O’Connor (Dr. Frankel), Patrick Quinlan (Patient 1)
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Summary: House treats a drug patient and is forced to examine his own life and confront his personal demons.

House wakes up and finds himself lying in the second floor of an abandoned paint warehouse, surrounded by drug paraphernalia. A man is on the ground near him, passed out or dead. House crawls over to him and Kutner appears telling him that the man is dead. When House points out that Kutner is dead, Kutner points out that the fire burning beneath House isn't. Kutner suggests that he get moving, but House wonders if he isn't hallucinating the whole thing, and Kutner asks him how met the dead man.

The dead man, Oliver, is at the clinic and explains to House that he was in a car accident and has been taking pain medicine for the occipital fracture. House wants to check his chest since Oliver might have suffered a chest injuries. When Oliver removes his shirt, House notices the ring of burns on his collarbone and explains that he figured he tended to doze off while smoking because of the drugs. As Oliver starts to leave, House notices Cullen’s Sign on his stomach and takes an interest.

House takes the case to the team, and they’re surprised that he decided to take an interest in a patient, despite the fact Wilson is dying and House’s parole officer is on the way to take him back to prison.

House tells Kutcher that the medicine didn’t matter, but Kutner wonders why he didn't answer his employees' questions. He figures that House has a plan, but figures that he knew from the beginning that it wouldn’t work.

House goes to see Foreman and asks for a meeting. Foreman says that he’s busy but House insists and suggests that Foreman tell the parole board that he needs him to help eight patients or they’ll all die. He doesn’t want to perjure himself but House says that he’ll pay the price but he
doesn’t want Wilson to do so as well. Foreman agrees but says that he has to take all the cases that he gets.

As House turns from Foreman, he sees Kutner in the lobby. He says that he figured that House asked Foreman to be his friend because he knew that he would need one when his plan failed. They appear back in the warehouse and Kutner points out that House isn’t leaving even though the fire is spreading. He figures that’s the reason that House is now seeing a suicidal friend.

Wilson meets with the oncologist who will be taking over for him when Foreman comes in and asks if he’s seen House. He warns Wilson that no one has seen him in two days and they figure that he’s doing something stupid.

Kutner asks House why he wants to kill himself, and House suggests that he’s killing himself because he’s going to jail, losing his job and his best friend. However, Kutner points out that death is the opposite of a puzzle and figures that House doesn’t find life interesting anymore. Amber appears, replacing Kutner, and asks him about Oliver. When he wonders why she cares, she points out that she’s his subconscious and wonders why he still cares.

Oliver seizes from a clot in his lungs and the team tries to revive him. House strolls in and gives him an injection, and then counts down to five. Oliver suddenly comes back to life and goes berserk, and House explains that he gave him naloxone to counter the heroin that caused Oliver’s respiratory distress. Oliver screams that he won’t stop taking drugs because reality sucks.

Amber appears to House in the room and chuckles, pointing out that wasn’t what Oliver said at the time. House claims that he compressed the story, but Amber figures that House had a reason for talking to Oliver when he almost never talks to patients.

When Oliver wakes up, House is at his bedside. House notes that Oliver was a stockbroker with a family, but Oliver says that he was miserable. He says that he used to rationalize it, but now he’s not miserable. When he had a ski injury, the painkillers weren’t enough and a friend gave him heroin. It caused all the pain and unhappiness to disappear. House points out that he lost everything, but Oliver says that everything wasn’t enough because reality itself sucks.

Amber wonders if House thought Oliver was a good role model and points out that he’s dead. She asks why he wanted to hear what he did.

House continues to sit with the unconscious Oliver and Foreman comes to point out that he passed on all of his cases to other doctors. House seems unconcerned that he’ll be going back to prison and Foreman wonders why he’s risking everything, but House figures that he’ll lie. Foreman refuses and leaves.

House figures that Oliver is happy, and Amber points out that he’s dead. She points out that nothing mattered to House except the puzzle.

House notices a twitch in Oliver’s thenar eminence and tells him that he’s dying from Lou Gehrig’s Disease. Then House is at the door to the room.

Amber notices that House skipped over part of the conversation and calls him on it. She figures that he’s avoiding it but House avoids her point.

House notices that the veins on Oliver’s right side are enlarged, meaning there’s something in there. He uses an ultrasound and confirms that he inhaled a small branch while he was passed out on a park bench. Because the heroin suppressed his cough reflex, he didn’t choke it up and it set off an auto-immune reaction.

House smiles, and then he stops when Amber points it out. He doesn’t think that solving the puzzle trumps Wilson dying, and notes that all of his patients will be as dead as Wilson in 70 years. Amber tells him that he always goes back to solving puzzle, and he’ll always have puzzles because people always get sick. She points out that solving puzzles makes him happy and he doesn’t need anything else, and tells him to go home. House gets up and walks toward the exit. However, when he opens the door he discovers that the stairs are filled with fire.

Wilson and Foreman go to House’s apartment and discover that their friend left food to rot and didn’t take his suitcases. When Wilson wonders if they should have handled things differently. Foreman insists that they did the right thing. House’s cell phone rings and they realize that he’s left it behind. Foreman confirms that House bailed on his hooker two nights ago. They check his outgoing calls and discover four calls to a particular person.

House tries to find another way out and discovers that the floor is starting to burn through beneath him. It finally gives out, dropping him onto the floor below in the middle of the flames.
Wilson and Foreman go to see Dr. Nolan, who is in the middle of group therapy. He refuses to breach confidentiality but they point out that he may be a danger to himself. Nolan talks to them privately and they explain what has happened, and they realize that House has turned to heroin. They go back to the hospital to find Oliver’s address.

Stacy Warner appears to House and asks him why he left and then stopped. She suggests that his falling through the floor might be a sign that the universe hates him, and wonders if he really doesn’t believe in God. House insists that he doesn’t and that he can’t live his life based on something he doesn’t believe in. Stacy says that she knows he believed in love.

House asks Wilson to take the fall, pointing out that if he perjures himself then he’ll never spend time in jail. He suggests that Wilson claim that House gave him the tickets and Wilson flushed them down the toilet in disgust. Wilson is less than enthused to ruin his reputation, but House says that he needs to learn how to act when he’s gone and learn to count on himself, and then walks away.

Stacy says that Wilson was right as always, and House had to develop a conscience on his own. House insists that consciences don’t spontaneously develop, and Stacy says that he’s wrong and that’s why he’ll be better off without Wilson. She tells him that he has to find a conscience on his own, stands up, and offers House her hand. He takes it and gets up...

... and House finds himself in the house that he could have had with Stacy, holding his child. After a moment, he says that it’s a reason for him to die, but Stacy says that if he could have had it, then he still can. House looks over and sees himself with Dominika, but he refuses to settle so easily and several cheerleaders appear. He sits down, saying that they’re fantasies, and ignores Stacy saying that he doesn’t have to die.

House lies down in the burning warehouse, and looks up to see Cameron. She sits down and says that she’s not there to convince him to live. When House wonders why she hates him, Cameron says that she loves him. She thinks that he should die as a reward because he’s suffered and given enough. Now he deserves the chance to give up. House realized that Wilson gave up and that he accepted the choice to live without pain, and Cameron asks why he can’t give himself the same gift.

Wilson and Foreman go to Oliver’s address and find an empty warehouse. However, they smell smoke and spot the fire burning in a building down the street.

Cameron tells House just to let go and go to sleep. He admits that he had a chance to avoid it, and Cameron points out that he gave up that chance and so many others because he’s arrogant and self-destructive. House remembers the last part of his conversation with Oliver.

House tells Oliver that he’ll die fast from Lou Gehrig’s, and Oliver offers to take the fall for House for the prank. When House points out that he doesn’t owe him, Oliver says that he tried and he’ll tell the cops that when House treated him like crap, he stole his tickets and flushed them. House thanks him and starts to walk out, and then asks if he’s doing it because he’s dying. He points out that Oliver is now a better person because he’s dying, and the world is a better place because Oliver is dying. House wonders why he should tell him that he’s not asymmetrical. Cameron appears and tells House that he cared more about the puzzle than himself. She figures that House is stalling so he can take the cowardly away out, and won’t even admit that he is.

House admits that Cameron is right, but says that he can change. He gets up and walks toward the front door. He sees Wilson and Foreman... and the building collapses on him and then explodes.

The next morning, the doctors gather as the firemen put out the flames. Adams and Park wonder if he might have gotten out, but Taub points out that they’re taking the body out. The EMTs take the body to the morgue and the coroner confirms that it’s House.

Sometime later, Park, Adams, Masters, House’s mother Blythe, Stacy, Dominika, Foreman, Taub, Thirteen, Chase, and Cameron all speak glowingly of their friend, son, and mentor. Finally Wilson gets up and starts by saying that House was his friend and a healer. He then tells everyone the truth, that House was a bitter jerk who mocked everyone and everything. In mid rant, his phone rings and Wilson tries to ignore it. The phone keeps ringing and Wilson takes it out and realizes that it’s not his phone. It has a text message on it: “Shut up you idiot.” Wilson drives back to his apartment and finds House waiting outside. When he wonders how, House says that he got out of the back of the building and switched the dental records. Wilson warns him that
he’s destroyed his life and can never be a doctor again, and House tells him that he’s dead. He then asks Wilson how he wants to spend his last five months and Wilson smiles.

Chase meets his new team of with Park and Adams. As they leave, he goes into his new office.
Taub meets with his wife, Ruby, and his two daughters.
Cameron continues to work in the ER. She finds a picture of her with House, Chase, and Foreman and smiles. She then meets her husband and her baby child.
Foreman sits in his office and finds House’s ID badge, and then smiles.
House and Wilson get on motorcycles and prepare to go cross-country. When Wilson starts to talk about when the cancer gets bad, House tells him that cancer is boring and they ride off together.
Extras
In the end, House's titular grumpy doctor almost literally rode off into the sunset with his best friend.

Although it seemed like a suicidal House (Hugh Laurie) was trapped in a burning warehouse just before it exploded, it turned out that the good doctor escaped his fiery fate and faked his death in order to avoid a jail sentence and, more importantly, be there for cancer-stricken Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard) during his final five months.

It was as close to a happy ending as one could possibly expect from House, but was it always planned that way? We chatted with series creator David Shore about the finale, its parade of guest stars (Amber! Kutner! Stacy!) and House’s final epiphany. Plus: Just what kind of trouble might House and Wilson get up to on those motorcycles?

**You started plotting this ending around January, right?**

David Shore: We came up with this idea and it still wasn’t defined whether this was the last season or not and we had a semi-backup plan. But you can’t work on two shows at once. We had to decide which show we were doing: Season 8 or the final season. Ultimately, I made the decision that I couldn’t allow it to drag out any longer and we proceeded with it.

**So this was always the end of the cancer arc you planned for Wilson?**

Shore: This finale was part and parcel with what we mapped out. Wilson has cancer. House deals with it well, House deals with it badly, and both of them reach a level of acceptance at different times. Pretty early on we knew it was going to be House debating “How am I going to deal with this?” and ultimately doing what he did.

**At that point, did you know he would be debating it with hallucinations of former cast members?**

Shore: I liked the idea in general, but a big part of it was that it gave us an opportunity to do what so many shows do at the end, which is have all the other people come back from the past. But this was having them come back in a very different way. As we started to write it, we started discussing which people from past shows it should be. There were certain availability issues, although really not a lot. [We had] four of them come back, including two that were dead, and discuss with House the value of his life in different contexts.

**Did you ever consider not doing that because so many other shows do parade the old familiar faces in for the series send-off?**

Shore: We never want to do anything exactly like [someone else]. But it’s all about execution. I don’t want to do an idea because somebody else did it, but I also don’t want to reject it because somebody else did it. I do reject it if we’re just repeating what they did, but if we find a different way to approach something, I am more than happy to do it. I think that’s what we had here.

**Did you worry that having almost every major character back would make it more glaring that Lisa Edelstein’s Cuddy was missing?**

Shore: I don’t want to go into it too much. I did want her back. That’s all I’m going to say.

**Tell me about House’s big epiphany before he strides toward the exit. The show has always sort of suggested that people don’t change, yet it seems House wants to try.**

Shore: That’s exactly right. I don’t know that House can change, and I don’t know that he needs to change. But the recognition, the striving for change, the striving to constantly be better in spite of our nature, which doesn’t make it easy, is one of the thing that keeps us human.

**How does House’s finale compare to the greatest series-enders of all time? Do you think it’s possible for someone with a bad limp to escape that quickly out the back door of a burning building? Dramatic license?**

Shore: With the fire and that explosion and the timing and what you actually saw and what you didn’t see, it was certainly intended to make the audience believe it’s going to be very, very difficult for him to get out. The collapse was supposed to be possibly on him [or] possibly in front of him. It certainly would have been tricky for him to get out, but we don’t have a full
understanding of the geography of the interior. It was supposed to be almost impossible, but possible.

**How did you land on having House fake his death?**

**SHORE:** We always like having a little twist. We don’t want to make things straight-ahead. We don’t want it miserable, we don’t want it happy. We thought of all sorts of things, but then we started talking about this. The text message, to me, was the moment where I was like, “Oh yeah, that’s good.” That still tickles me.

It also echoed your inspiration for House, Sherlock Holmes.

**SHORE:** We didn’t sit together as a group of writers and think “How did Conan Doyle deal with Holmes?” We thought of ideas and then we had the idea that he’s dead but he’s not dead for Wilson’s sake. I instantly realized that the faking death is exactly what Conan Doyle did with Holmes, which was just another reason to do it.

**You’ve said that "bittersweet" was the best we’d get from the finale, though it seemed a little sweeter than I expected.**

**SHORE:** We’re bordering on that. But one of those two guys on the motorcycle has five months to live. I know it’s a cliché, but it’s House and Wilson riding off into the sunset almost literally. That is a cliché, but the fact is, Wilson is dying. I like the fact that we’re doing that while he’s dying. And it’s just House again assessing, “What’s important here? And what do I need to do to achieve that?”

**Did you ever consider writing Wilson’s death into the finale?**

**SHORE:** Yes we did, but not that seriously because then it would have been an episode about Wilson. Now, Wilson motivates what happens in this episode and Wilson is a huge part of what happens in this episode. But this is an episode about House assessing his life and his choices, which I think makes sense as a final episode.

**Do you have the epilogue mapped out in your mind? How do you think House will react when Wilson ultimately dies?**

**SHORE:** The story is the story and the story ends where the story ends where the story ends. I do like the fact that we’re leaving the audience with something to fill in for themselves. I just wanted to think about House and Wilson on the road.

**Was it important for you to have Wilson finally stand up to House and not reward his bad behavior?**

**SHORE:** This season was about consequence. House lost Cuddy. He went to jail. We spoke to a lot of lawyers about that and he wound up serving way more time than a person would have in that circumstance. That was him accepting the consequence. He’s certainly a man who’s paid a huge price personally. He’s not physically healthy and he’s not happy. And he’s paid a huge price to pursue what he wants to pursue, which is solving puzzles.

**What kind of puzzles do you think he will look for since he can’t practice medicine?**

**SHORE:** Who knows what will happen, but he is giving up a lot. Although he didn’t have a choice at the end, he is giving something up to spend time with Wilson.

**I liked the montage of the original team members at the end.**

**SHORE:** It is the end of the series and they were an important part of the series. We wanted to leave the audience with where they are now and what’s in their future.

**Does Foreman (Omar Epps) realize in that last moment that House is still alive?**

**SHORE:** It was House saying to Foreman saying, “Don’t worry, I’m OK.”

**What do you think the legacy of this show will be?**

**SHORE:** I’m proud of the show and everything we did. I’m proud that we did 177 episodes very well. Not all equally well, but we did 177 episodes that I’m proud of. In terms of legacy, that was there almost from the beginning. That character and what that character stands for “the pursuit of truth” I’m so honored and lucky to be able to put that in front of millions of people and make people think a little bit.
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Celia Finkelstein ...................................................... 1
613 (Gail) ................................................................. 1
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706 (Senator Hal Anderson) ...................................... 1
Andrew Fiscelli ....................................................... 1
707 (Niles) .............................................................. 1
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508 (Girl) ............................................................... 1
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807 (Lana) .............................................................. 1
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414 (Pharmacist) ...................................................... 1
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513 (Sarah) ............................................................. 1
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119 (Second Applicant - Dr. Petra Gilmar) ............... 1
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508 (Nurse); 720 (Nurse Colleen) ............................ 1
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Holly Gagnier ........................................ 1
606 (Michelle Berkley)
Mike Gaines ........................................... 1
502 (Morgan)
Jason Galloway ........................................ 1
312 (Patient #5)
Carla Gallo ............................................. 1
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Nathan Gamble ........................................ 1
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Paul Ganus ............................................. 1
102 (Trainer)
Adam Garcia ........................................... 1
619 (Theodore)
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312 (Dr. Stone)
Ken Garito ............................................. 1
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Troy Garity ............................................ 1
607 (Hank Hardwick)
Ralph Garman .......................................... 1
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Drew Garner ............................................ 1
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Beau Garrett .......................................... 1
611 (Valerie)
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607 (Rick/Director)
Skyler Gisondo ....................................... 1
302 (Clancy)
Michael J. X. Gladis ................................ 1
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Gil Glasgow ........................................... 1
620 (Court Officer)
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101 (Reception Nurse)
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806 (Mitchell)
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116 (Mrs. Ayers)
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Brad Grunberg ................................................... 1
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David Gueriera .............................................. 1
Lance Guey ..................................................... 1
Jack Guzman .................................................... 1
Matthew Haddad ............................................ 1
Emily Hahn ..................................................... 1
Paul Haitkin .................................................... 1
Tim Haldeman .................................................. 1
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Beth Hall ......................................................... 1
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Jodi Harris ..................................................... 1
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Wood Harris .................................................... 1
Michelle Harrison ............................................. 1

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Mark Holmes .................................................... 1
Ashton Holmes .................................................. 1
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Jack Harding .................................................... 1
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Jodi Harris ..................................................... 1
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Wood Harris .................................................... 1
Mel Harris ....................................................... 1
Jodi Harris ..................................................... 1
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Mark Harelik .................................................... 1
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715 (Dancer #3)
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805 (Prostitute)
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409 (Parent #1)
David A. Kimball ........................................ 1
720 (Lawyer)
Beckie King ........................................... 1
816 (Debbie)
Calvin King ........................................... 1
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Richard King ........................................... 1
605 (Boutain)
Mike Kirkland ........................................... 1
602 (Dr. Felker)
Kelly Kirklyn ........................................... 1
119 (Mrs. Carroll)
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311 (Derek Hoyt)
Brian Klugman ........................................... 1
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305 (Waitress)
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206 (Matthew’s Father)
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119 (Mr. Carroll)
Esther Kwan ........................................... 1
604 (Wu An Lan)

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Art LaFleur ........................................... 1
112 (Warner Fitch)
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714 (Bert Versky)
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613 (Dr. Dave Thomas)
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404 (Connie)
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119 (Teammate #2)
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719 (Donovan)
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106 (Terri)
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116 (Mr. Conroy) ........................................  1
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806 (Young Boy) ........................................  1
John Larroquette .......................................  1
307 (Gabe Wasniani) ....................................  1
Rebecca Rhae Larsen ...................................  1
415 (Bohemian Girl) ....................................  1
Jim Lau ..................................................  1
108 (Chou-Young Ling) ................................  1
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821 (Oliver) ...........................................  1
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816 (Paw) ...............................................  1
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311 (Ivan) .............................................  1
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804 (Simon) ..........................................  1
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302 (Stephanie) ......................................  1
Ulysses Lee ...........................................  1
108 (Chi Ling) ........................................  1
Andrew Leeds .........................................  1
601 (Dr. Medina) ......................................  1
Veronica Leigh ........................................  1
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804 (Dr. Andrews) ....................................  1
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601 (Annie "Silent Girl" Bohm) .......................  1
David Lengel ..........................................  1
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Tom Lenk ..............................................  1
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Harry J. Lennix ........................................  1
109 (John Henry Giles) ...............................  1
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810 (George) .........................................  1
Kay Lenz ...............................................  1
401 (Mrs. Bradberry) ................................  1
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702 (Vincent) ........................................  1
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620 (Durdanna) .......................................  1
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312 (Older Man) ......................................  1
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414 (Evan Greer) ....................................  1
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222 (NICU Nurse) ....................................  1
James Hiroyuki Liao ..................................  1
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Matthew Lillard ......................................  1
709 (Jack) ............................................  1
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615 (Gabriella) ......................................  1
Tess Lina ...............................................  1
318 (Reo) .............................................  1
Riki Lindhome .........................................  1
616 (Sarah Lozinski) ..................................  1
Julia Ling .............................................  1
218 (Anne) ...........................................  1
Michael Linstroth ....................................  1
807 (Dixon) ...........................................  1
Shon Little ............................................  1
612 (Scout) ...........................................  1
Ron Livingston ........................................  1
204 (Dr. Sebastian Charles) .......................  1
Alice Lo ..............................................  1
218 (Mrs. Ling) .......................................  1
Patrick LoSasso ......................................  1
209 (Do-Gooder) .....................................  1
Meat Loaf .............................................  1
520 (Eddie) ...........................................  1
Doug Locke ...........................................  1
713 (Roger) ..........................................  1
Dona Logue ...........................................  1
720 (Cyrus Harry) ....................................  1
Eugene Long ..........................................  1
619 (Cop #1) .........................................  1
Jodi Long ............................................  1
309 (Judge) ...........................................  1
Seidy Lopez ..........................................  1
703 (Christina) .......................................  1
Wayne Lopez .........................................  2
801 (C.O. Alvarez); 802 (C.O. Alvarez) ..........  1
Melissa Lopriore ......................................  1
502 (Girl) .............................................  1
David Loren ..........................................  1
614 (Stag-Man) ......................................  1
Todd Louiso ..........................................  1
507 (Stewart Nozick) ................................  1
Cindy Lu ..............................................  4
119 (Nurse); 314 (Nurse #1); 323 (Nurse); 604 (Nurse Diane) ........................................  1
Henri Lubatti ..........................................  1
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Kristen De Luca .......................................  1
716 (Ruth) .............................................  1
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502 (Emma) ..........................................  1
Ana Lucasey ..........................................  1
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Ken Luckey ...........................................  1
324 (Sowinski) .......................................  1
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412 (Cantor) .........................................  1
Eric Lutes ............................................  1
606 (Derek Retzinger) ...............................  1
Jessica Luza ..........................................  1
812 (Cindy) ...........................................  1
Alexandra Lydon .....................................  1
508 (Melinda) ........................................  1
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809 (Natalie) ........................................  1
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511 (Dr. Schmidt) ....................................  1

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Raymond Ma ..........................................  1
504 (Wu Zheng) ......................................  1
Sunny Mahey ..........................................  1
114 (Jenny) ...........................................  1
Alex MacCormick .....................................  1
722 (Admitting Nurse Colleen) .....................  1
Kathleen MacDonald ..................................  1
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Jody Millard .............................................. 1
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