

The Survey

Satire · Monologue · 2 min · Female role · Adult · Intermediate

(A waiting room. A tablet in hand, she reads aloud.)

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"On a scale of 1 to 10, would you recommend our emergency department to a friend?" ...You don't pick the ER like a restaurant. "Come on, I know a place."

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"Did the waiting time meet your expectations?" My expectations? I'd been waiting six hours. In the end, yes: it even exceeded them.

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"Was our staff smiling?" The surgeon? I don't know. I hope he was looking at something other than his good mood.

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"A space is provided for your comments." Ah. Finally, a human.

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I type: "Thank you for saving me. Shame I have to rate it like a pizza."

(A beep. The tablet reads: "Your opinion counts! Three more questions.")

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..."Counts." The only true word in the whole form.

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