

Scissors Cut Paper
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INT. HOSPITAL HALLWAY - DAY

DR. ROBERT LEGUN (40s) confronts an anxious MARISSA (20s).

ROBERT

Do you love your boyfriend?

MARISSA

I... I don't. That is--

ROBERT

Different question: Do you want him to die?

MARISSA

No! Of course not! How can you even ask something like that?

ROBERT

Because right now you're the only thing that's gonna keep him alive through tomorrow.

MARISSA

But I'm just his girlfriend. His parents--

ROBERT

Are imbeciles. But they're imbeciles with legal control of his medical care. However, in the law as in life, scissors cut paper, rock crushes scissors, and wife trumps parents.

MARISSA

But he's in a coma. We can't--

ROBERT

I can bring him out of the coma for about 10 minutes, and I know a priest who talks fast, and owes me a favor.

MARISSA

And you want me to--

ROBERT

I want you to help me save his life. Are you in?

MARISSA

Is this even legal, or ethical or--

ROBERT

His parents are welcome to sue me
as long as I can use their still
breathing son as a defense witness.