I NEVER LEARNED THIS DURING ISLAND WEEK

MARLANA ORLOFF
I WASN'T PLANNING ON GOING TO MY MOM'S FOR THE SUPER BOWL.

BUT I NEVER PASS UP A GOOD MEAL, ESPECIALLY LOBSTER.

THE FIRST HALF OF THE GAME WAS UNEVENTFUL.

I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO...

WELL, MOSTLY DESSERT.

NOTE: PRINCE'S GIRL MORE FUN TO DRAW THAN THE E-STREET BAND.

HALFTIME

NOTE BY BRUCE SPRINGSTEIN:
NOT PRINCE PLAYED IN 2009.

AND JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO DIG INTO MY RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE SUNDAY, THERE WAS A BANG ON THE DOOR.
I opened the door and there she was. Katie, a girl from the neighborhood. She suffers from autism and lives around the corner with her father.

It's my dad!!! He won't wake up! He layed down to take a nap and now he won't wake up! Help! I don't know what to do!

Oh Marlana you are coming with me! You are an almost doctor. You must be able to do something.

So my mom, Katie, and I drove to her house.
THE WHOLE WAY THERE I TRIED TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN MEDICAL SCHOOL JUST IN CASE IT WAS INDEED A MEDICAL EMERGENCY...

BUT ALL I COULD RECALL WAS THE MECHANISM OF ACE INHIBITORS AND THAT IS NOT VERY USEFUL.

I DREW A BLANK

WHAT ARE THE ABCs?

I COULD NOT REMEMBER MY ABCs

ABCDEF GHIJKLMN OPQRSTU VWXY & 2

NOW I KNOW MY ABCs

NO

NO, NOT THOSE ABCs

AS WE RAN INTO THE HOUSE MY MOM PUSHED ME AHEAD AND OFFERED THE MOST ENCOURAGING WORDS

YOU GO IN FIRST I NEVER SAW A DEAD BODY BEFORE

OH GREAT! WHAT ARE THE ABCs?
As I walked into the house I wasn't sure what was the most concerning...

- OR -

The Xmas decorations up in February

The unconscious partially seizing man on the couch

He was sweating,

Incontinent,

And seizing

Upon close inspection

Oh---

S?#*

(exclamation point)

Call 911 now
THE EMTs WON'T BE HERE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES

I AM AN ALMOST DOCTOR I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING—ANYTHING!

WHAT ARE THE ABCs?

Oh YEAH!

A = AIRWAY

B = BREATHING

C = CIRCULATION (WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A PULSE RIGHT?)

A ☑️

B ☑️

C ☑️

Now WHAT?
OH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU... MY DAD IS A TYPE ONE DIABETIC

DIABETES
UNCONCIOUS
SEIZING
SWEATING

+ HYPOGLYCEMIA

WWUTDD?
(ABBREVIATION FOR: WHAT WOULD UP TO DATE DO?)
CHOICES OF SUGAR

1. IV DEXTROSE  NO IV ACCESS
2. SUGAR GEL  NONE
3. ORANGE JUICE  PATIENT UNCONSCIOUS
4. SNICKERS BAR  PATIENT UNCONSCIOUS
5. GRANULATED SUGAR  POSSIBLY

I HOPE HE HAS A KIT

I'M ASSUMING IT'S LOW SUGAR

MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK IT.

SO I FOUND A TESTING KIT

ONE TOUCH
ULTRA
TEST STRIPS AND BLOOD SUGAR TEST KIT

BUT...
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What I imagine it would have read

Specifically could not use pre-filled pen

Not sure what this was

And just when I thought I may have figured it out...

The ambulance arrived and in less than 60 seconds

Blood sugar check ☑

IV access ☑

D5W hung ☑

Patient alive and well ☑

(Note patient's blood sugar) was 23

And as an almost doctor I had nothing to do with it!

Well, I did tell my mom to call 911.