

MEDICINE

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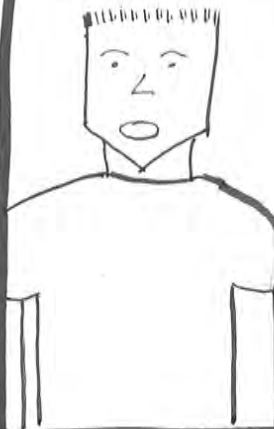
At the start of my Internal
Medicine rotation I had tons
of preconceived notions

"Medicine is
gonna suck!"

"The dorms are
awful!"

"It's so boring"

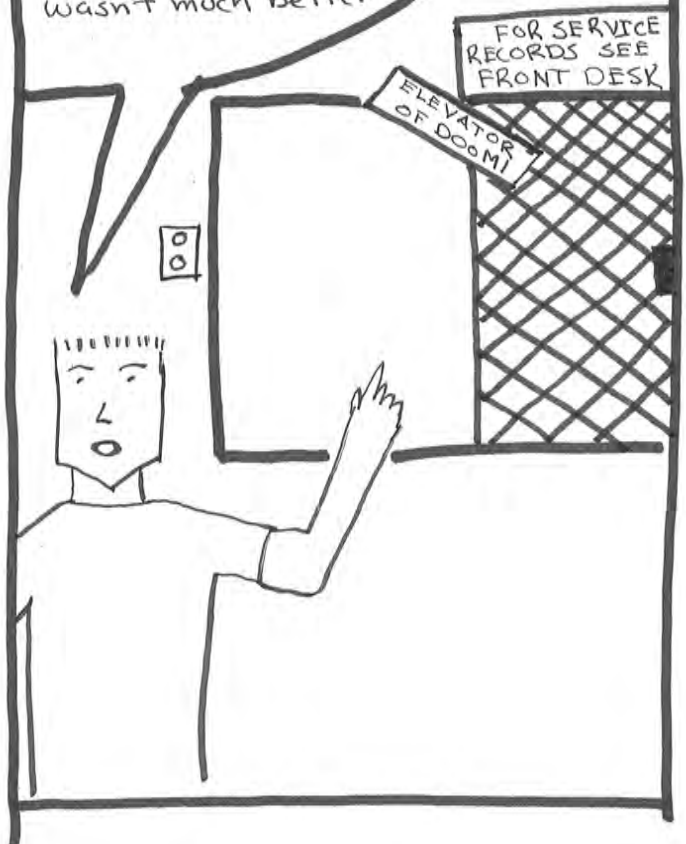
"You round
ALL DAY!"



The dorm looked like a dungeon



The elevator in the dorm
wasn't much better



My roommate and I both knew we weren't going into Internal Medicine so we complained about the rotation even before it started

We have to get up so early!

And rounding forever!

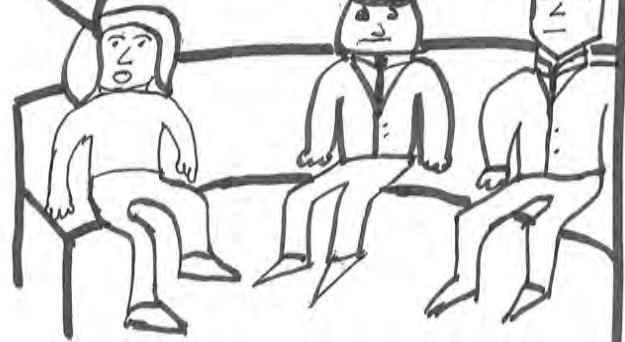
Medicine is the worst!

Oh my God this is awful



On our 1st day we had the shortest orientation ever.

So there you go... now go page your interns.



If things couldn't get any worse then came my 1st presentation.



68 year old female...
PMHx... umm...
meds... umm...
assessment...



I BLEW IT

On top of my bad performance a fellow med student threw me under the bus.

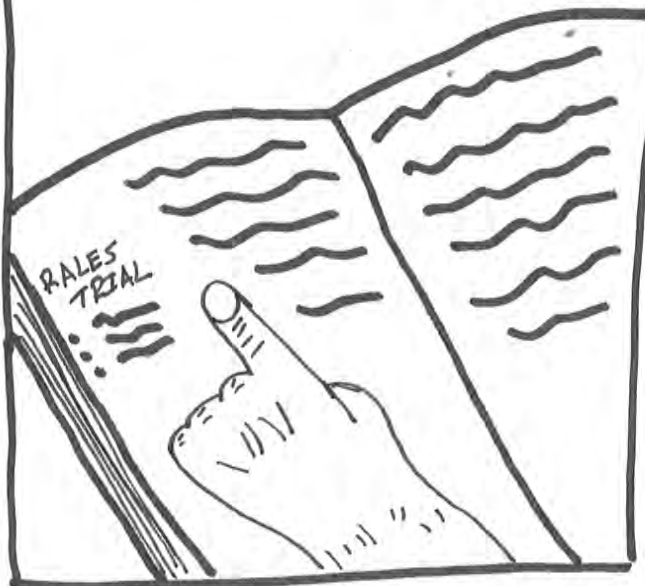


After that less than optimal experience I went back to my dorm to complain to my roommate.



See! look it's all right here.

You're kidding me!



Now that I knew my fellow med student's "trick" I was determined to improve as best as I could.

OK now I'm getting this stuff!

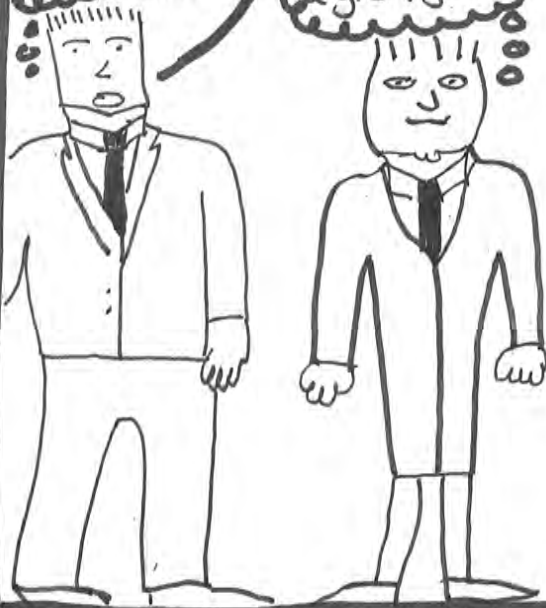


I was determined to improve everyday, and that's exactly what I did

The assessment is a 70 year old male with....

Sweet! I'm nailing this presentation!

Alright, he's doing a great job!



At the end of the rotation I got a great compliment

You did a great job with this rotation! Keep it up and you'll be a great doctor!

Thanks!

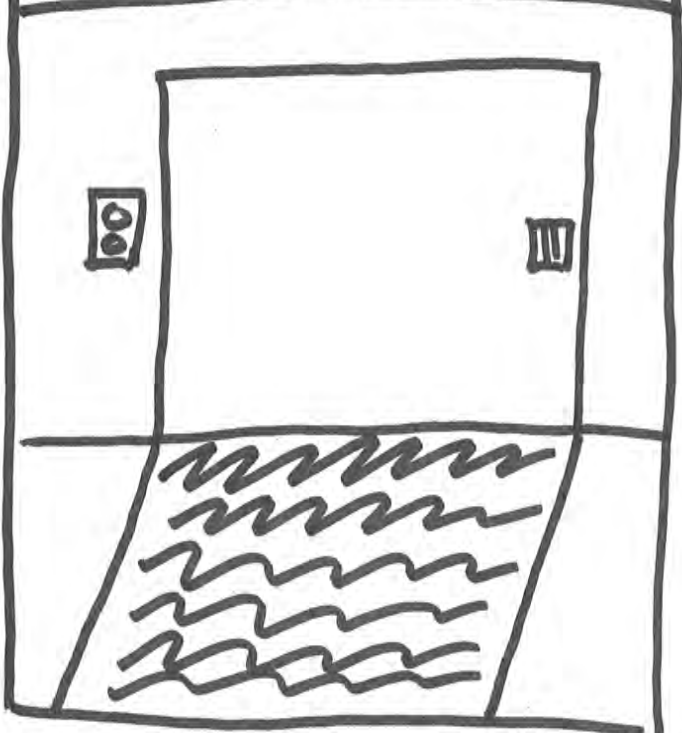


It's interesting as time passed how my preception of things changed as the rotation got better

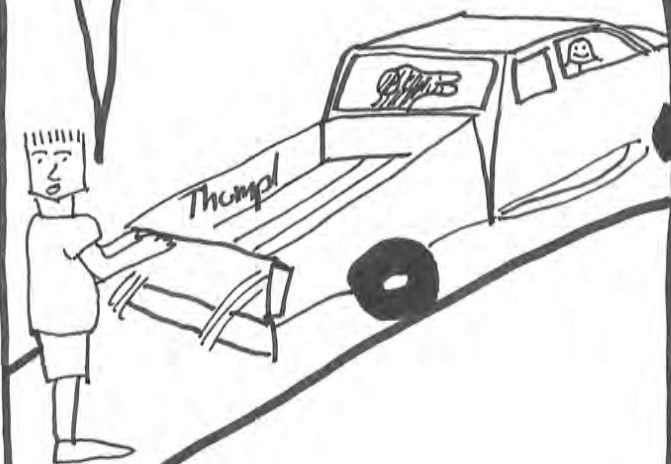
The dorm wasn't a dungeon



The elevator was still really old, but not as scary.... I still took the stairs.



A lot of rough spots at the start of the rotation were because of my assumptions of how "bad" the rotation was going to be.



So my advice to you is don't think something is going to be bad until it actually IS bad! and work hard.



And things will work out.

