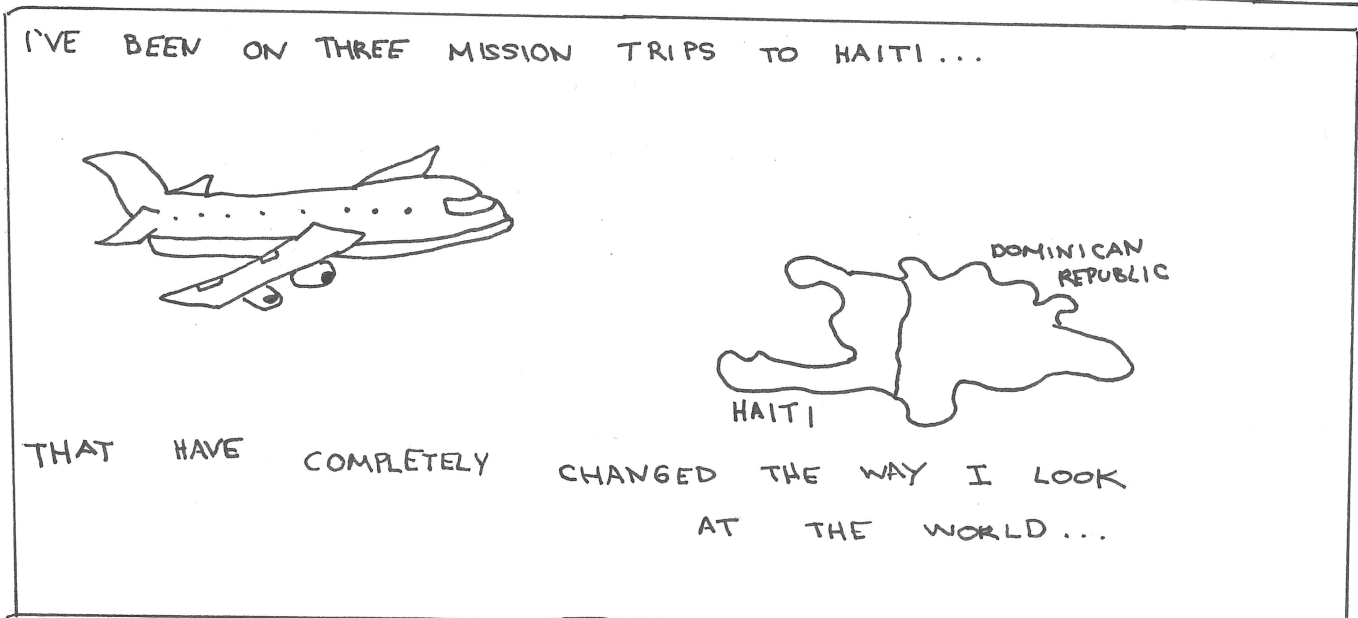
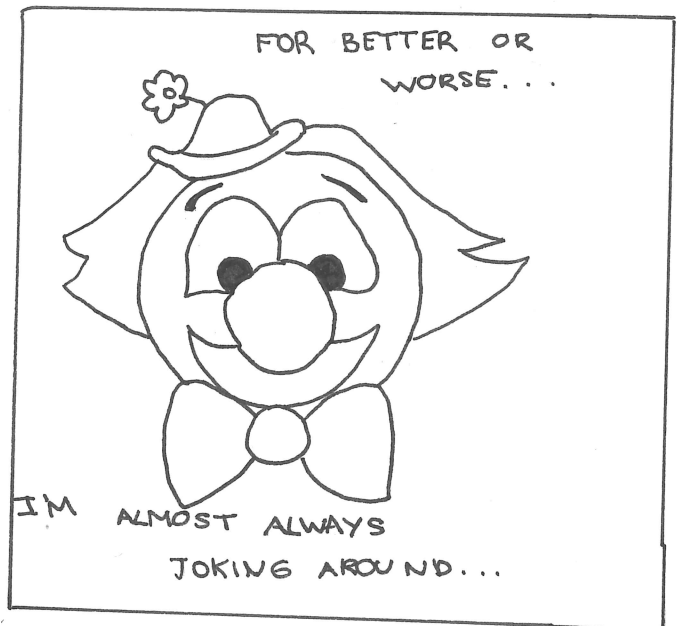
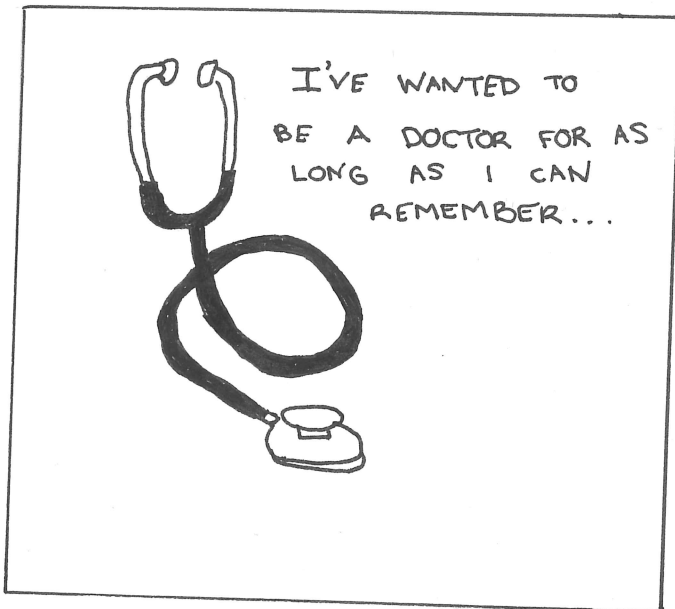
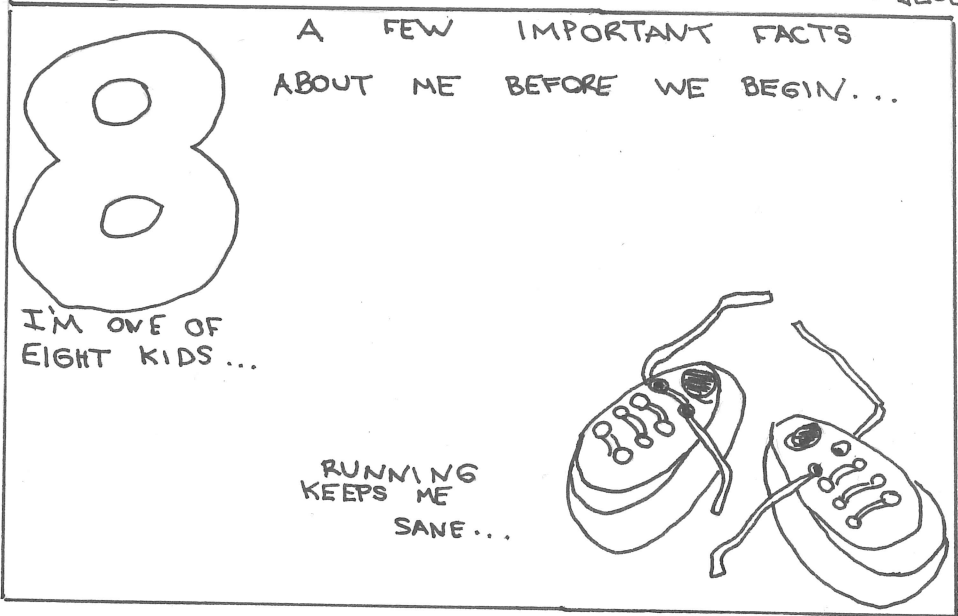
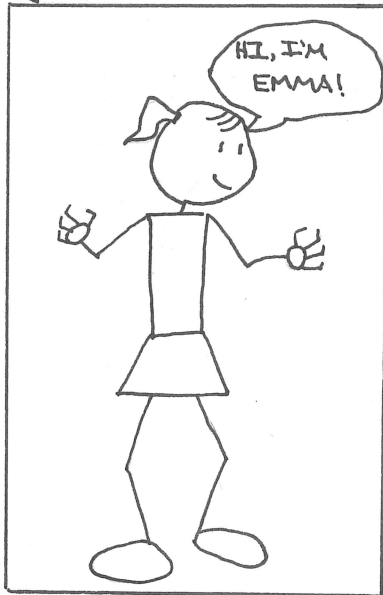


# A TALE FROM THE INTERVIEW TRAIL



MY STORY BEGINS  
AT THE START  
OF

4<sup>th</sup>

YEAR...

I THOUGHT I KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT  
OF FOURTH YEAR...



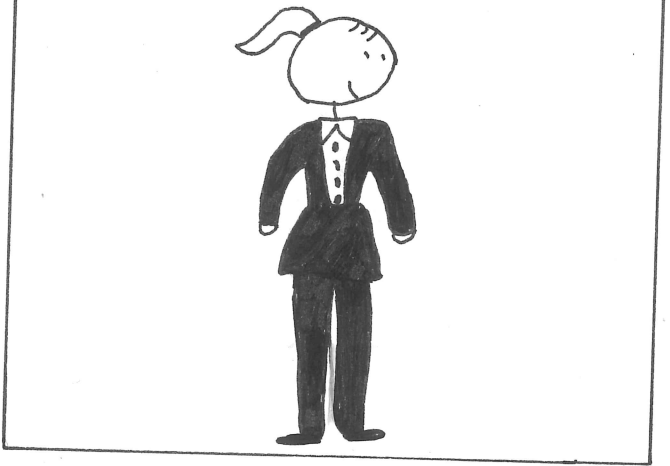
A girl is shown in profile, looking thoughtful. A thought bubble above her head contains a checklist on a notepad, a party hat, and two mugs of beer. The checklist items are: DAY PLANNER, NAP, NAP, EAT, LOOK OUT WINDOW.

TURNS OUT, I WAS WRONG...



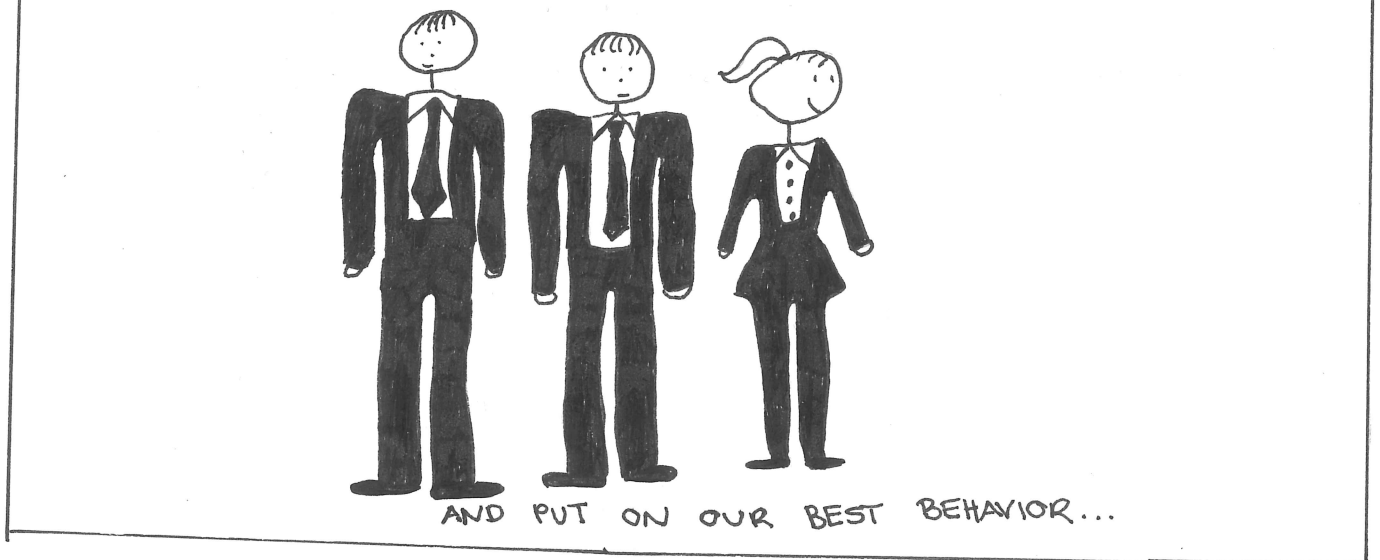
On the left is a stack of papers with the top one labeled 'RESIDENCY APPLICATION'. On the right is a book titled 'RESIDENCY INTERVIEWING FOR DUMMIES!'.

INTERVIEW SEASON BEGINS...



A girl is standing, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt with a bowtie, and dark trousers.


WE LINE UP IN OUR SUITS...



Three people are standing in a line, all wearing dark suits. From left to right: a man in a suit and tie, another man in a suit and tie, and the girl from the previous panels in a suit.

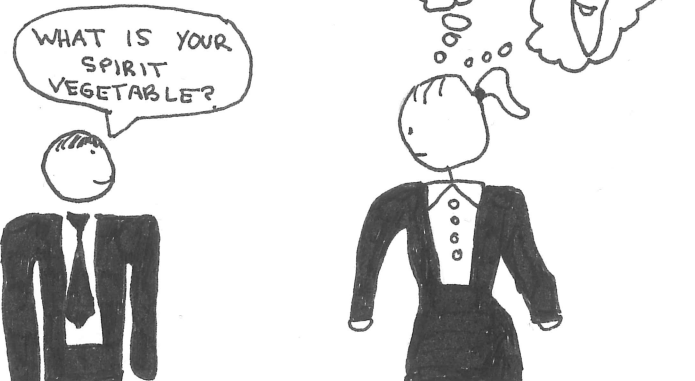
AND PUT ON OUR BEST BEHAVIOR...

THE INTERVIEW

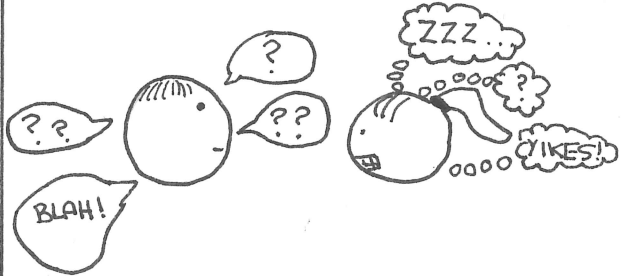


QUESTIONS

ARE RANDOM...

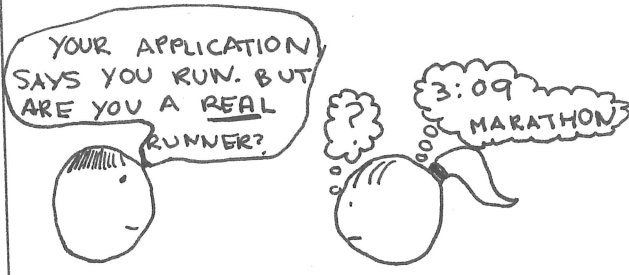


WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT VEGETABLE?



NUMEROUS...

AND SOMETIMES,

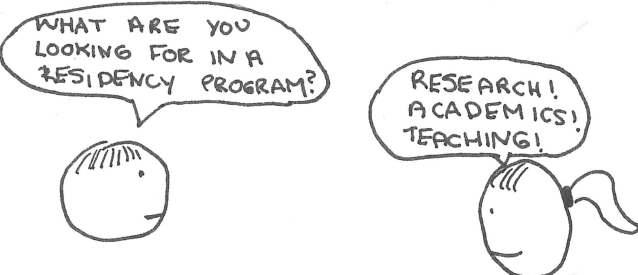


YOUR APPLICATION SAYS YOU RUN. BUT ARE YOU A REAL RUNNER?

3:09 MARATHON

LEFT ME DOUBTING MYSELF...

ALTHOUGH I FELT LIKE I WASN'T ACTING LIKE MYSELF,



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN A RESIDENCY PROGRAM?

RESEARCH!  
ACADEMICS!  
TEACHING!

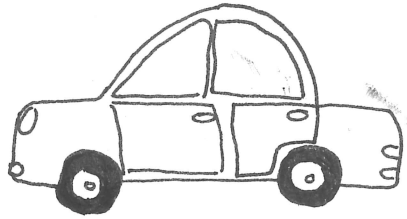
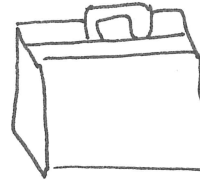
I CONTINUED DELIVERING MY PRACTICED, GENERIC ANSWERS.

THE INTERVIEW  
TRAIL

NJ BALTIMORE CT  
NEW YORK  
CLEVELAND  
CHICAGO  
BOSTON

WAS LONG...

AND I GREW TIRED OF DRIVING AND



TRAVELING...

AND NOT ACTING LIKE



MYSELF!

SO, FOR BETTER OR WORSE...



THE JOKES RETURNED...

I SPOKE ABOUT MY PASSIONS

HAITI



RUNNING



FROM MY HEART

I FELT LIKE



MYSELF AGAIN!

AND MY INTERVIEW FEEDBACK WAS IMPROVING!

Dear Ms. Harmon,  
We enjoyed  
meeting you and  
would love to  
have you join  
our Anesthesiology  
team!  
Sincerely,  
UCOMM  
Anesthesia

AND ON MY FINAL INTERVIEW...

#20

I WAS COMPLETELY RELAXED, ACTED  
LIKE MYSELF,



AND FELT AT HOME!

AND ON MARCH 18, 2016...

THE MATCH  
NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
ANESTHESIOLOGY

IT WAS A MATCH!