

**022: FRAMING DIALOGUE**

SFX of door flinging open.

JANET

Doctor, Doctor - I came as soon as I heard! Where's Sam?!

DOCTOR

Are you next of kin?

JANET

Basically. We do a campus radio show.

DOCTOR

(gravely)

I see. You better sit down for this. Your co-host, Sam, is in a coma.

JANET

But how?!

DOCTOR

He's had an adverse reaction to the candy he ingested.

JANET

I didn't know he was allergic.

DOCTOR

He's not. He just ate *that much candy*.

JANET

I know I shouldn't joke about Sam's coma, but can I just say "coma, coma, coma, coma, coma chameleon"?

DOCTOR

I wish you wouldn't.

JANET

What's it like in a coma? What's he thinking? Can he hear us? Did he think my song was funny?

DOCTOR

The EEG indicates that he's having vivid dreams right now.

JANET  
I wonder what he's dreaming of...

DOCTOR  
According to my charts, it appears to be highlights from his recent past.

JANET  
Are they punctuated with a cheerful *whoosh*? Possibly from a rake?

DOCTOR  
Indeed. But what's particularly concerning is that they seem to be based in satire and containing mature themes.

JANET  
If only we could get inside that brain...

SFX of harp...

CUT TO:

JANET  
Well, there it is folks, Sam's coma dream in the can.

DOCTOR  
Come again?

JANET  
Oh, it's just something Sam used to say...

DOCTOR  
The good news is he's expected to make a full recovery.

JANET  
It's too painful! Pull the plug.

SAM  
(groans)

DOCTOR  
He seems to be coming to.

JANET  
Doctor! There's no time!

DOCTOR  
Well, if you're sure.

SFX of flat-lining.

DOCTOR  
I suppose he'll never follow  
@WorkItPod on Twitter, Facebook,  
and Instagram again.

JANET  
It's better this way.