

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you think of the book? 2. What made you laugh? 3. What character did you relate to the most? 4. Which scene if any made you the most emotional? 5. What was your opinion of the themes for the chapters? 6. Was the book what you expected it to be based upon its back-cover description?

CHAPTER 1- A SICK BUMBLEBEE

1. Like Fat Steve there are a lot of people who have nicknames. This is especially true in the black community. What is your nickname? What is the craziest nickname you've ever heard of? 2. There was a moment in which Daniel didn't know if he wanted to talk to his wife. Are there some instances when you don't want to talk to your significant other or family member? When are those times and why don't you want to talk to them? 3. Daniel tried to self-diagnose himself and not listen to Sweet Cakes. When you're sick do you try to diagnose yourself or do you run straight to your doctor?

CHAPTER 2- THE POINT OF NO RETURN

1. There are a couple of medical television shows referenced in this chapter. What is your favorite medical television show? 2. Daniel had been prepped by his wife how to divulge his medical information correctly

and efficiently. How well do you know you and your family's medical history?

CHAPTER 3- DIAGNOSIS MURDER

1. Getting admitted in to the hospital is usually very serious. It means that medical

personal doesn't believe that you're medically stable enough to be in the comfort of your own home. Have you ever been admitted in to the hospital and if so, how was your experience?

2. The CT technician automatically assumed that Daniel wanted to listen to the local rap radio station. However, Daniel wanted to listen to the country music station which totally shocked her. Is there something that people would be surprised that you enjoy that people wouldn't expect? 3. How shocked were you by the ending of this chapter?

CHAPTER 4- LIONS, TIGERS, AND CHAOS, OH MY!

1. What was your original thought of the mission Daniel was put on? 2. Would you have accepted the mission? 3. Do you like Daniel feel uncomfortable changing or being partially naked around others?
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CHAPTER 5- OVER 99 BILLION SERVED

1. Do you eat fast food? Why or why not? 2. When Kenasaurus got down and depressed he ate McDonald's. When you're feeling down what do you do? 3. Ron worked hard to get the manager position, but sadly didn't get it due to his circumstance. Has there ever been anything that you worked hard to get and didn't get it? How did you take it? 4. Has there every been a time someone didn't show you compassion? Has there ever

been a time when you went beyond showing someone compassion? 5. How did you like the explanation of diabetes?

CHAPTER 6- HAIL MARY

1. What did you think of the football game? 2. What is your definition of crazy? 3. The rap discussion between Daniel and Rip I must admit is very random. However,

Daniel had conflicts with almost every person along his journey. It is only fitting with Rip that he has a senseless conflict. Rip doesn't sense the severity of what's going on. He just wants to get out. Who are your top 5 rappers? 4. Are conversations about mental health still taboo? If so, why? 5. Do you know someone who has attempted or committed suicide?

CHAPTER 7- BASURA

1. What was your thoughts of the baby incident in this chapter? Was Daniel wrong in picking a child? 2. Which child would you have chosen? 3. Should everyone have the right to have children? 4. Losing a child is hard. Tina could not get over it. What are your experiences with child loss? Does anyone ever get over the loss of a child? Can one child replace another child?

CHAPTER 8- DOUBLE TROUBLEx

1. At this point, was Daniel wrong for attempting to leave the hospital with the others? 2. Do you know of someone who has experienced problems with infertility? 3. Do some people not appreciate the ability to have children? 4. Should Daniel have went and gotten Rip's medication? 5. How did you feel at the end of this chapter?

CHAPTER 9- THAT'S NOT BRUCE WAYNE, THAT'S...

1. It's the return of Toddrick! How shocked were you to see him return?

2. A lot of people have done some crazy things to reach their dreams.

This can be

associated with getting a job, getting a spouse, or something else. What are some of the crazy things you have done to reach your dreams? 3. Do you have a better idea of how hard physicians work? 4. Was Mary right in saving Daniel?

CHAPTER 10- LAST DYING

WISH

1. Is Mary crazy? (Not a rhetorical question) 2. Was Daniel wrong in calling Mary crazy? 3. Suicide is a difficult discussion. Mary wanted to commit suicide because of her mental health. Andrew wanted to kill himself because of his physical condition. Is one suicide more justifiable than another? 4. Should the government tell what you can and can't do with your body? 5. Would you have pulled the plug?

CHAPTER 11- WHAT'S IN THE

BOX?

1. Should Daniel have opened the box or left? 2. Would you have opened the box? 3. What are your thoughts on cheating in a relationship or a marriage? Is there a difference between cheating when you're married and not married? Is cheating forgivable? Is cheating ever justifiable? 4. Should Daniel have gone with Maestro?

CHAPTER 12- WHAT WOULD LOVE MAKE

YOU DO?

1. Love makes people do crazy things. Mary got a Waffle House tattoo. Maestro

organized a hospital takeover. Daniel almost choked Richard to death. What are some crazy things you've done for love? 2. What is your opinion of Maestro's background story? Is he insane or fairly reasonable in his thinking? 3. What's

your definition of love?

CHAPTER 13- WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

1. I wanted this chapter to be self-reflective. You have almost made it to the end.

Therefore, you should have learned something by now. Well, what did you learn? 2. Should Daniel have shot Enrique? 3. Should Daniel have went his black ass home?

CHAPTER 14- BACK, FRONT AND BACK AND SIDE TO SIDE

1. For those who don't know this chapter is named as an ode to the rap group UGK from

my hometown. They have a song called Front, Back, Side to Side. The chapter name also depicts the movement of Daniel as he is tossed around in the ambulance. 2. Should Daniel have been arrested? 3. Were you surprised by Mary's return? 4. What did you think of the ending? 5. Would you recommend this book? 6. Did you get some of the merchandise?