

SCENE I

INT. HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM - DAY

Bastion opens his eyes to a BLINDING LIGHT. A REGISTERED NURSE, 44, decked in a Caribbean blue, scrub uniform, stands straight in front of him. She dilates his eyes using a small FLASHLIGHT.

REGISTERED NURSE  
There he is.

She holds up three fingers.

REGISTERED NURSE  
How many fingers?

BASTION  
Three?

REGISTERED NURSE  
Thought we lost you there for a minute.

BASTION  
Where am I?

REGISTERED NURSE  
You're in a hospital.

BASTION  
Hospital? What happened?

REGISTERED NURSE  
Relax. Try not to move too much.

BASTION  
But, how did I get here?

The Registered Nurse starts prepping a NEEDLE.

REGISTERED NURSE  
Did you know that while the human body is awake, the mind is asleep? And when the human body goes to sleep, the mind is awake?

She injects Bastion with a CLEAR BLUE SOLUTION.

REGISTERED NURSE  
We alternate sleeping cycles. We only use ten percent of our brain, so they say. We use the other ninety percent to dream.  
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REGISTERED NURSE (CONT'D)

If only we could turn them both on  
at the same time, wouldn't that be  
fun?

BASTION

(sedated)

That would be pretty...

REGISTERED NURSE

It's time to wake up Bastion.