

INT. DR. MATSON'S OFFICE - DAY

Distant sounds of people at the waiting room. DR. MATSON views an x-ray film of BIGELOW's inner organs. He comforts BIGELOW:

DR. MATSON

Lungs in good condition, blood pressure normal, heart fine  
Well, it's a good thing everybody isn't like you mr. Bigelow  
it would put us, doctors, out of business

BIGELOW

I'm glad to hear it doctor. I was a little worried

DR. MATSON

Don't let a bellyache worry you. Could be just the change of climate

BIGELOW

It isn't exactly an ache, doctor. It's kind of hard to describe the feeling. Maybe it was the drinks I had last night. I might have mixed them too much, huh?

Dr. Matson holds a tongue depressor and takes a look at Bigelow's throat

DR. MATSON

Let's have another look at that throat. You may finish dressing now Mr. Bigelow  
I want to get the results of these tests we took

BIGELOW

Thank you, doc

Dr. Matson walks out of his office, a nurse comes in with the results envelope. She tries to take a look at his face while he's wearing his jacket. She stares at him in a daze. Doctor Matson comes back with DR. SHAEFER

DR. MATSON

Mr. Bigelow, this is doctor Schaefer

BIGELOW

Hello Doctor, how are you?

DR. SCHAEFER

Sit down, Mr. Bigelow

Bigelow sits down. Both doctors stand next to him

DR. MATSON

According to the information you gave Miss. Wilson, you're not married Mr. Bigelow

BIGELOW

That's right

DR. MATSON

Do you have any relatives, family, anyone in San Francisco?

BIGELOW

No, no one. I don't know a soul in San Francisco

DR. MATSON

Where is your home?

BIGELOW

(irritated)

What is this doctor? Why all the questions?

DR. SCHAEFER

You're a very sick man Mr. Bigelow

BIGELOW

Sick?! but you just told me I was in good shape!

DR. MATSON

Yes, I know, but my pulmonary examination didn't reveal your true condition

BIGELOW

You sound as if it's pretty serious, doctor

DR. SCHAEFER

Extremely serious

DR. MATSON

I want you to understand that we wouldn't tell you something like this unless we were absolutely certain

BIGELOW

Well, of course, ofcourse

DR. MATSON

You must feel yourself for a shock Mr. Bigelow

BIGELOW

Well, go on, doctor, what is it you're trying to tell me?

DR. SCHAEFER

My tests reveal a presence in your body of a toxic luminous matter

BIGELOW

What is that exactly?

DR. SCHAEFER

A poison that attacks the vital organs

BIGELOW

Poison?

DR. MATSON

We have no alternative but to tell you this

DR. SCHAEFER

The system has already absorbed sufficient toxin to prove fatal

DR. MATSON

I wish that there was something that we could do

BIGELOW

What do you mean "wish"?  
You mean there is nothing...

DR. MATSON

There is nothing anyone can do

DR. SCHAEFER

This is one of the few poisons of the its type for which there is no antidote

Bigelow stands up

BIGELOW

Well, this is fantastic! This is the most ridiculous thing!

DR. SCHAEFER

Mr. Bigelow, you don't have very long

BIGELOW

What do you mean?

DR. SCHAEFER

A day. Possibly a week. Two weeks at the  
outsight... It's hard to say exactly

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BIGELOW

Well, this is impossible! I don't believe it! You've made mistake, that's it!  
It could be a mistake, couldn't it?  
You had made a mistake, haven't you?  
Answer me!

DR. MATSON

Dr. Schaefer is an authority on toxicology

DR. SCHAEFER

I've made no mistake, Mr. Bigelow

BIGELOW

Do you realize what you're saying?  
You're telling me that I'm dead!  
You think you can explain my life away in just a few words?  
I don't even know who you are! Why should I believe you?

DR. MATSON

You must calm yourself, Mr. Bigelow  
We want to offer you every assistance that we c...

Bigelow interrupts Dr. Matson while he's taking his hat off the hanger

BIGELOW

Assistance?! Who wants your assistance?  
Who wants anything from you? You're nothing but a couple of phonies!  
Well, I think you're crazy, that's it!  
You're crazy!  
The both of you, you're crazy!

Bigelow rushes out and shuts the door behind him

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