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EXT. GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL,
1936 -- MORNING

Pedestrians pass the sign for 'Surgery.'

INT. FREEMAN'S OFFICE, GWU HOSPITAL --
AFTERNOON

Freeman and Watts sit across from husband
and wife, the couple's backs are to camera.
The wife is ringing her hands, moaning and
wailing. Freeman peers around them, to
talk to camera.

FREEMAN

At the last moment Mrs.
Grohlman withdrew her
permission because it
was explained to her
that the scalp would
have to be shaved, and
she didn't want to lose
those curls in front.
We got around her
objection by promising
to spare the curls if we
could. Of course it was
impossible.

INT. ANTEROOM, OPERATING THEATRE, GWU
HOSPITAL -- MORNING

Freeman and Watts are in surgical scrubs.
Watts is washing his hands. Freeman is
flipping through the Moniz monograph one
last time.

CLOSE UP OF THE BOOK

A drawing illustrates how to angle the
leucotome into the two holes in the top of
a patients head.

FREEMAN (V.O.)
September 14, 1936.

FADE TO WHITE

FREEMAN (V.O.)
Watts performed the
operation on one side,
and I on the other. The
result... was
spectacular.

FADE TO:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM, GWU -- AFTERNOON

The patient, propped up in bed, is alert
and continually rolls a handkerchief around
in her hands, wiping her face and arms, but
speaks calmly. Her head is bandaged.
Freeman and Watts flank the bed. Watts
takes transcription.

FREEMAN
Mrs. Grohlman?

MRS. GROHLMAN
Yes.

FREEMAN
Do you have any of
your old fears?

MRS. GROHLMAN
No.

FREEMAN
What were you afraid of?

MRS. GROHLMAN
I don't know; I seem
to forget.

FREEMAN
Are you sad?

MRS. GROHLMAN
No.

FREEMAN

Are you happy?

MRS. GROHLMAN

Yes.

FREEMAN

Do you remember being
upset when you came
here?

MRS. GROHLMAN

Yes, I was quite
upset, wasn't I?

FREEMAN

What was it all about?

MRS. GROHLMAN

I don't know. I seem to
have forgotten. It
doesn't seem important
now.

Freeman and Watts look at each other with
glee. Freeman puts his finger in his mouth
and pops it out loudly.

CUT TO:

CHAMPAGNE BOTTLE BEING UNCORKED

INT. WATTS' OFFICE, GWU HOSPITAL --
AFTERNOON

An assortment of odd medical flasks are
filled with champagne and handed out to a
small group of physicians, interns and
nurses.

FREEMAN

As soon as Mrs.
Grohlman woke up all
the terror was gone.

WATTS

The symptoms disappeared
immediately. She smiled-

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FREEMAN
--admitted that she
felt much better.

WATTS
She never mentioned
the lost curls!

FREEMAN
*She never mentioned
the lost curls!*

They clink their beakers together.
The celebration continues.