

The scene that most often sticks in my mind is John's speech to his son, Mike. The film's premise is that John is racing against time to give his son a new heart. Unfortunately, through a lack of health insurance and questionable healthcare ethics by his HMO and family care physicians, John ends up taking the hospital hostage. In this scene, John believes his last option to save his son is to commit suicide so that his son can have his heart, much to Dr. Raymond Turner's chagrin. Justifying his intentions through unlikely pseudoscience, John begins to say goodbye to his son, offering him parting reassurance and advice for him.

What impacted me the most about this scene is the amount of controlled emotion seen in John. Denzel Washington does a great job of portraying a strong, stoic father. However, he is understandably shaken by the impending death of him or his son. This scene shows that even when we are strong and standing in the face of fire, the situation can shake us, which is okay. We are consistently terrified by the problems we encounter, whether we want to admit it. This scene is also emotionally gripping because it shows the lengths that many parents aspire to go to to protect their children.

I believe I could be able to create a similar experience for future fans by putting this exact scenario in a historical setting. Whether it is a war, a period of unrest, or depression, I'd like to imagine I could create a similar scene that shows a parent and the depths they will go to for their kin.