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hypersomnia - Draft

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Intro: Anna  
Anna Summer was a classic Type A: ambitious, competitive, active...  
end section with her finding Emory - A year into her job, she  
cold-called the Emory Clinic Sleep Center. "Maybe they would tell  
me I was crazy, maybe they would tell me I was lazy, but I needed  
somebody to tell me what was going on."

Intro 2: Anna 2  
Emory docs, everything they did, end on them feeling totally  
desperate

Nut  
The day Anna walked into the Emory clinic would prove fortuitous  
not only for her, but for docs at Emory. Their research on Anna  
would lead to a discovery that went against the dogma of  
mainstream sleep science and gave her her life back... But Anna's  
re-awakening is only the beginning of a much more profound story.  
It's a story about the hundreds of other hypersomniacs who have  
come out of the woodwork since the research was published.

Diagnostic woes  
history of hypersomnia and why it's so hard to diagnose

Circling GABA  
Kathy Parker's discovery of flumazenil/GABA for Anna's case. End  
section with Anna saying, "I feel alive."

Bittersweet drug  
All the research that led up to the Science Translational Medicine  
paper

INTERLUDE: applications to Rye's clinic?  
Interlude: If I can get them, photos of some of the application  
packets/letters that the Rye clinic has received from desperate  
patients...could make for a cool slideshow or short interlude.

Lloyd's sad story  
Story of Lloyd getting sleepy, wanting to kill himself

sad community  
Lloyd finds solace online with sleepyhead community

Lloyd's wake up  
Lloyd finds flumazenil in O'Neil clinic

INTERLUDE: FB cheerleading  
gather some of the most passionate/funniest posts from the  
sleepyhead Facebook group? To show the culture there?

Rye vs. the FDA  
Story of Rye figuring out how to get the drug cheaply, confronting  
the FDA, having argument about it at clinic with Trotti. He starts  
prescribing it to patients in spring 2013. Local compounding  
pharmacy selling it for about \$1/pill.  
  
End section with FDA finally telling Trotti that it's OK for them  
to do this. Murky regulatory waters, no one knows how to navigate  
them.

First patient conference, finally meeting each other  
My experience at the conference, what it meant to all of them to  
be together and meet in person.

Resolution  
?? Where is the research headed now? Will they ever get the money  
they need to finish? Will flumazenil be available to most  
sleepyheads?

sources and scraps