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And he exits...

23 INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - TINY KITCHEN -- MOMENTS LATER 23

Chase opens the refrigerator. It's almost empty. Then tries the freezer.

CHASE

Damn.

The freezer's packed tight with boxes of FROZEN BURGERS.

FOREMAN

Breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's a Vitamin K deficiency.

Chase literally can't believe it. Off the box of burgers --

24 INT. LAB -- DAY 24

DING - A burger in the microwave.

House removes it and carries it to the table where the rest of the box from Lucy's freezer sits. House is mid-conversation with Luke, who's upset --

LUKE

This is the only thing she'll eat --

HOUSE

Problem is, you can't actually live on the stuff --

LUKE

-- I checked it out. I looked on the box. The nutritional values are solid. Plenty of calories, protein --

HOUSE

Vitamin A and C, but no K. That's why your mom got sick.

LUKE

What's the plan now?

HOUSE

Load her up with Vitamin K.

LUKE

That's it?

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HOUSE

If it all checks out, you can take her home in a couple of days.

(Luke is upset)

Oh God, you're upset about something; you're going to open up to me, aren't you?

LUKE

It's my fault.

HOUSE

Here we go.

(has to get him off this)

I'm gonna say this once. You've done a very good job taking care of your mother; if this was all she'd eat, what could you do? Gosh, just being a kid is a full time job --

LUKE

-- Shut up. I'm 18. I should be able to take care of my mom.

(beat)

I almost killed her.

HOUSE

Good example. Just the time it takes to express all those ridiculous, self-centered teenage ideas -- I don't envy your schedule.

House takes a bite of the burger, pleased.

HOUSE (CONT'D)

No pickles.

LUKE

My mom doesn't like 'em either.

HOUSE

Smart woman.

Luke knows she once was a smart woman. Beat, then...

LUKE

When I was a kid I got her a hot dog once, tried to sneak some relish on it to see if she'd notice. She yelled at me.

HOUSE

You got off easy.

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LUKE

Before she got sick, I didn't like  
how bossy she was, always telling me  
what to do, the right way to do it.  
Never thought I'd miss that.

House digs in. Meeting's over. Luke hefts his backpack to  
leave, and winces. House notices. Re: Luke's wrist:

HOUSE

You should get that looked at...

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