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WHAT'S WRONG WITH EVERYBODY?

My wife and I at the breakfast table
Sunday paper between us,
describing a disaster somewhere,
she concludes with, "The people ate can six fizzle."

"What?" I ask, looking up from the funny pages.
Puzzled, she looks at me. "Worm didn't hake Monday."
I laugh at this strange joke from my oldest friend,
but stop when her face grows concerned.

I try to ask her what's wrong, but she ignores my
question,
blabbering more gibberish with a straight face.
I rise to call 911 but she beats me to it.

The paramedics arrive and I tell them what happened,
but they ignore me, shining a light in my eyes,
instructing me to "fop hund rund sun."
No, you idiots, there's something wrong with my wife!

In the Emergency Room a parade of doctors, nurses,
others,
ignoring my questions, talking among themselves,
gobbetygook, claptrap, nonsense.
Is this a big joke?
Have we been attacked by nerve gas and I'm the only
one immune?
Who can I call for this, the Pentagon?
They give me something through the IV,
my wife holds my hand crying.

The doctor returns to my room,
on his last visit he earnestly told me
to "zip the wachet unto three foamy."
I ask him for the thousandth time what is going on,
but this time he looks at me, smiles, and says,
"Good, now tell me your name."

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