CASH CAB IN LABOR – SKETCH

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EXT. BUSY NEW YORK CITY STREET CORNER - DAY

JACK, early 30s, frantically tries to signal for a cab.

                    JACK
          Taxi!

A cab pulls over. Jack ushers his pregnant wife, REBECCA,
late 20s, into the cab. She takes several quick breaths.

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                    JACK
          Take us to Mount Sinai as fast as
          you can. My wife's in labor!

Rebecca softly touches Jack's face and smiles.

                    REBECCA
          Jack we're going to have a baby.

Beat. Jack and Rebecca share a beautiful moment as they lock
eyes. Suddenly, lights start to flash and some game show
themed music begins to play in the cab. The CAB DRIVER, turns
around and speaks.

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          Looks like you two lovebirds landed
          in the Cash Cab!

                    REBECCA
          Jack what's going on?

                    JACK
          Is this like a game show or
          something?

                    REBECCA
              (in pain)
          Oh I'm having a contraction. AHHH!

                    JACK
              (to the driver)
          Look man, my wife's in real pain
          back here! Just either let us out
          or take us to the hospital!

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          I can take you to your destination!
          But normally how the show works is
          that along the way, you answer some
          questions for a chance to win
          prizes.

                    JACK
          Look dude, I don't want... Wait,
          did you just say... prizes?

Jack looks over at Rebecca who is sweating and in pain.

                    JACK (CONT'D)
          I mean, if he's gonna take us to
          the hospital anyway, we might as
          well try to win some stuff right?

                    REBECCA
          Wait, you're not serious right?

The car begins to drive as music plays. Jack looks at the
flashing lights in awe.

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          Question 1. Who was the tallest
          president in U.S history?

                    JACK
          Oh man that's a good one. Hmmmm...

                    REBECCA
               (breathing quickly)
          Whoo Whoo.. AHHHHH!!!!!

                    JACK
          One sec babe. Which one is the dude
          with the silly hat?

                    REBECCA
          YOU MEAN LINCOLN!?!?!

                    JACK
          Oh wait, I got it! Abraham Lincoln.

The lights turn green as the cab goes "ding ding ding".

                    JACK (CONT'D)
          No way babe I did it!

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          Congratulations. You've just won
          $500!

                    JACK
          $500?! Um, this is the best day of
          my life!

                    REBECCA
          Jack these lights are too bright!
          I'm gonna throw up.

                    JACK
          Oh my God, I'm so sorry honey.

Jack throws himself onto Rebecca as he rolls down the window.

                    JACK (CONT'D)
          Alright that should do it.

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          Question 2 for double the cash:
          Which celebrity recently donned a
          dress worn by Marilyn Monroe at the
          Met Gala?

                    JACK
          Ooo that's a tough one. I think I'm
          going to have to use my lifeline.

                    REBECCA
          Wait, you know the rules? I thought
          you didn't know this show?!

Music plays as the cab pulls over. Rebecca throws up outside.

                    REBECCA (CONT'D)
          I need some water Jack.

                    JACK
          Babe if I win, I'll buy you all the
          waters in the world! Promise.

A PEDESTRIAN, walks by as Jack jumps out of the cab.

                    PEDESTRIAN
          Oh no way is this the Cash Cab?!

                    JACK
          Yes! Which celebrity recently
          donned a dress worn by Marilyn
          Monroe at the Met Gala?

Rebecca, who is now sweating profusely, looks up at Jack.

                    REBECCA
          No we don't have time to pull over.

                    PEDESTRIAN
          Hey that lady don't look so good.

The cab lights flicker and we can hear "countdown music".

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          10 more seconds!

                    PEDESTRIAN
          Oh! It was Kim Kardashian right?

The lights turn green as the cab goes "ding ding ding". While
Rebecca screams, Jack and the pedestrian celebrate.

                    JACK
          My Mom's gonna be so proud of me!

                    REBECCA
          FUCK YOU!!!

Jack gets back into the Cash Cab as it continues driving.

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          Alrighty one final question. If you
          get this one right you'll walk away
          with $10,000. But if you lose,
          you'll leave the Cash Cab with
          nothing. According to the New
          Testament, which Apostle was
          crucified... upside down?

                    REBECCA
          JACK THE BABY IS COMING NOW!!!

                    JACK
          Oh man I have no idea!

                    REBECCA
              (pushing)
          AHHHHHH! JESUS CHRIST!

The lights in the cab turn red as a buzzer can be heard.

                    CAB DRIVER/HOST
          I'm sorry Jesus Christ was not what
          we were looking for. The correct
          answer was Saint Peter. I'm afraid
          you're going to have to get off
          here. Thanks for playing!

                    JACK
          What?! NOOOO!!!!

                    REBECCA
              (crying in pain)
          AHHHHHHHHHH!

                    BABY (O.S)
          WAHHHHHHH!!!

                                        END.