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His psychiatrist was not pleased when he referred to his packet of Lexapro as his painkillers. But as he was rotated from a round pill to an ovular one, and as the milligram count rose and rose, the pain that had supposedly withered only continued to blossom.

Who could have been surprised, then, when they found his body locked in a motel room and detected fatally high levels of over-the-counter pain relievers contaminating his bloodstream?