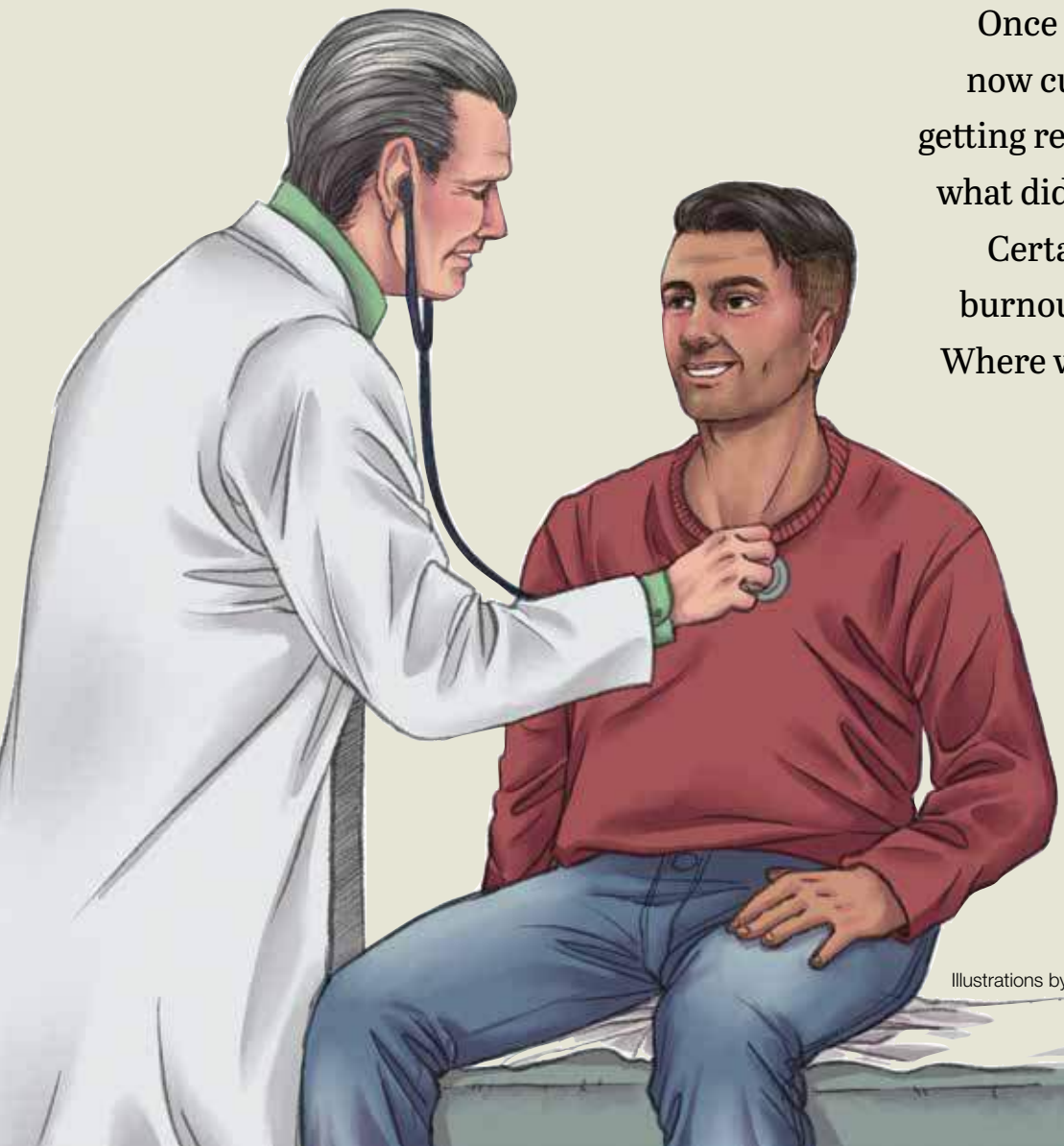


The ethos of medicine:

Where went the heroes
all dressed in white?
Gone to guidelines
lost to Pharma,
trying to survive each day
their agency diminished,
computers preempting connectedness,
patients passing judgment
giving out grades.

Once we were gods
now cut done to size
getting recert, getting mad
what did we sign on for?
Certainly not this
burnout growing old.
Where went the magic?



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Readying a renewal?

Really not so bad
the straitjacket fits nicely,
finding our stride
even while losing our pride,
cogs in a corporate world.

But we will wake
from the nightmare
engendered by corporate greed,
finding a renewed creed
of prowess and service.
Reawakening the healing arts
not kowtowing to business.
Affirming a renewed ethos
for us now to apply,
resuscitating a strain
of healers once more.

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