Floaters

The Story of an Eye
Starring Spot

This is some text
And this is some more...
I've always had floaters

Image courtesy of Wikipedia
Since age 7, at least

Lay on your back and squint at the ceiling through your eyelashes
A month ago something changed

Luckily only in my right eye
Circles of light when I glanced around
Sometimes only on one side
Even in the dark
Then “Spot” appeared

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And this is some more...
Followed by “the gnats”

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I went to check out my eye

I had a vitreous detachment said the optician

You can read about it on Wikipedia
The “Spot” is probably retinal cells that pulled away. BUT IT SHOULD FADE AND SINK OVER SOME TIME SAID THE OPTICIAN.
Part of aging, nothing to worry about

BUT...

IT COULD BECOME A RETINAL DETACHMENT

SAID THE OPTICIAN
And then you'd go blind

So if your symptoms change you need to get it checked quickly...
Oh, and the symptoms are the same.

NO

WORRIES

JUST GOING ON VACATION

SAID THE PATIENT
First “spray”

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While standing on summit of Challenger Point
14,087'
Kinda scary, really hard to see

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Note thousands of gray “dots” and new “splash” of color...
Went to ER, “No tear,”

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“...but see a specialist, soon...”
Luckily the gray started to fade

I WENT TO AN OPHTHAMOLOGIST WHEN I GOT BACK FROM COLORADO
No tear, but a vessel broke

He could see a broken vessel and lots of blood, “The Gray” said the ophthalmologist.
It should get somewhat better

THE BLOOD SHOULD FADE, THE FLOATEERS SINK AND FADE, TOO
SAID THE OPHTAMOLOGIST
But if anything changes...

He wants to hear about it right away because "retinal tear" said the ophthalmologist.
And BTW...

I THOUGHT HIS EXAM WITH A Q-TIP FOR A RETINAL TEAR WAS PAINFUL
I WAS WRONG
The second tear

Happened while mowing the yard
Even worse “gray cloud”

And a “seaweed” or “flag” waving in the “breeze”
Could only see shapes, colors

I couldn't even read the amount of text shown above
Called the on-call

SAW

EYE DOC

HE SENT ME TO RETINAL SPECIALIST EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SUNDAY

NOW THERE WAS A TEAR
Warm up the laser!

I had my options explained and laser coagulation appeared the best bet.
Instrument of torture

Something like this – I honestly have repressed it
The experience

Seriously, I was weeping by the time it was done
And then I drove myself home

WE LIVE IN MIRACULOUS TIMES WHEN EYE SURGERY IS OUTPATIENT
Now is just the waiting

I

HOPE

I DON'T HAVE
ANY MORE PROCEDURES
BUT AM ASKING FOR VALIUM IF SO
Two days later

The “flag” has broken up, a bit of reading through the gray
I will never get back to this

Goodbye, friends
But would be happy with this

Although I doubt I will get to this, either

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Here's to hoping!

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And this is some more...

We shall “see”! (pun intended)