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Assignment: Explain how diction and other literary devices help to strengthen this extended metaphor.

Where's my coffee?  
Good morning, Dr. Carter (Hey sweetie)  
Looks like it's gonna be a long day  
Ah, another one huh? What we got  
Your first patient (Yeah)  
Is suffering from a lack of concepts (Uh-huh)  
Originality (Ugh)  
His flow is weak (Another one)  
And he has no style (Ugh)  
What you got for him? (Tss, OK)

Let me put my gloves on and my scrubs on  
Dr. Carter to the rescue  
Excuse me if I'm late, but like a thief it takes  
Time to be this great, uh, so just wait  
Your style is a disgrace, your rhymes are fifth place  
And I'm just grace, one, uno, ace  
And I'm trying to make your heart beat like bass  
Hmm-mm, but you're sweet like cake  
And I come to fix wherever your shell break  
Where is your originality? You are so fake  
So picture me like a gallery, capture what I say  
All I need is one mic, all I need is one take  
Like, hey! Brighter than a sun ray  
Got a pistol on a playground, watch the gun-play  
Like, no kidding, no kids in the way  
But the kids do watch, gotta watch what we say  
Gotta work everyday, gotta not be cliché  
Gotta stand out like Andre 3K  
Gotta kick it, kick it like a sensei  
You gotta have faith, you gotta, gotta  
Wait, wait, I think I, I think I lost him  
(Flat line)  
(Dial 118 please)

Good afternoon, Dr. Carter (Nurse)

I don't know about this one. His confidence is down, vocab and metaphors  
needs work, and he lacks respect for the game  
(uh, let me see)  
You think you can save him?

OK, respect is in the heart, so that's where I'mma start  
And a lot of heart patients don't make it  
But, hey kid, plural, I graduated  
'Cause you can get through anything if Magic made it  
And that was called recycling, r-e-reciting something  
'Cause you just like it, so you say it just like it  
Some say it's biting but I say it's enlightening  
Besides, Dr. Kanye West is one of the brightest  
And Dr. Swizz can stitch your track up the tightest  
And Dr. Jeezy can fix you back up the nicest  
Arthritis in my hand from writing  
But I'm a doctor, they don't understand my writing  
So I stopped writing, now I'm like lightning  
And you ain't Vince Young so don't clash with the Titan  
Fast and exciting, my passion is frightening  
Now let me put some more vocab in your IV  
Here, take this Vicodin, like it and love it  
And confidence has no budget  
So pay me no mind, I don't walk it like I talk it 'cause I run it  
I don't do it 'cause I done it, and I'm in the emergency un-it  
God dunnit I've lost another one  
(Flat line)

Good evening, Dr. Carter. It's been a long day, but this one looks much  
better than the others. His respect is back up, concepts sound good, his  
style is showing strong signs of improvement. All he needs now is his  
swagger

OK, let me take my gloves off then

Swagger tighter than a yeast infection  
Fly, go hard, like geese, [REDACTED]  
Fashion patrol, police detection  
Eyes stay tight like Chinese Connection  
I stay tight like [REDACTED] at night  
Baby, don't get me wrong, I could do that [REDACTED] right  
But I'm too wrong to write, too fresh to fight  
Too paid to freestyle, too paid to freestyle  
Had to say it twice, swagger so nice  
And don't ask me [REDACTED] unless it concern a price

And I don't rap fast, I rap slow  
'Cause I mean every letter in the words  
In the sentence of my quotes  
Swagger just flows sweeter than honey oats  
That swagger, I got it, I wear it like a coat  
Wait, as I put the light down his throat  
I can only see flow, his blood starting to flow  
His lungs starting to grow, this one's starting to show  
Strong signs of life, where's the stitches? Here's the knife  
Smack his face, his eyes open, I reply "What a night"  
"Welcome back, Hip-Hop — I saved your life"

He looks good, his vitals are up  
He's looking good, he's looking good  
I think we got one, Dr. Carter, I think we got one  
Yep, yep, we got one, we saved him he's good  
He's good, we got one, he's good  
He's good, we got him  
We saved him, he's a go  
He's good