

Doogie Howser - adapted fr. 50/50 rev 1/17

Adam and Katherine

INT. HOSPITAL OFFICE

The office is small with stacks of psychology books and files strewn about.

KATHERINE (24), sits on the couch reading a file while she eats a rather messy sandwich  
She takes a bite of her sandwich as Adam pokes his head in the door. She looks up-

KATHERINE (mouth full of food)  
Can I help you?

ADAM  
I have an appointment with Dr. McKay.

KATHERINE  
Oh... please come in...

Katherine rises and puts her hand out to shake Adam's

KATHERINE  
...and please, call me Katherine.

ADAM  
You're Dr. McKay?

KATHERINE  
I am. Have a sit.  
(corrects herself)  
Sit down please.

Katherine wraps up her sandwich and puts the mess away.

ADAM  
Aren't you supposed to be like  
sixty-five and wear earth-toned sweaters?

KATHERINE  
Why? Did someone say that's what I look like?

ADAM  
No. But, if you don't mind...How old are you?

KATHERINE

Twenty-four.

ADAM

Twenty-four? What are you like Doogie Howser?

KATHERINE

Who?

ADAM

Doogie Howser...

Off Katherine's blank look.

ADAM (CONT'D)

...The teenage doctor.

KATHERINE

Does he work here?

ADAM

No. Nevermind...but aren't you too young to be a doctor?

KATHERINE

Oh, technically I'm not a doctor yet. I wish. I'm actually working on my doctorate.

(off Adam's look)

This is a training hospital.

ADAM

I see...So have you had many patients?

KATHERINE

My patient history is not-

ADAM

I'm your first patient, aren't I?

KATHERINE

No. Not at all.

ADAM

Your second?

Third.

Katie looks at him in silent acceptance.

ADAM (CONT'D)

How are the first two doing?

KATHERINE  
Can't talk about that.

ADAM  
And this is like part of your training?

KATHERINE  
It'll be part of my dissertation.  
But, don't worry I'm not gonna use your real name.

ADAM  
Okay. I guess that's fine.

Katherine pulls Adam's file:

KATHERINE  
So, Dr. Ross filled me in on your  
situation. This must be incredibly difficult.

Adam shrugs.

KATHERINE (CONT'D)  
How are you feeling?

ADAM  
You know, honestly, I feel fine.  
I've actually never been more calm.

KATHERINE  
That's a very common symptom found in patients like  
yourself. Right now your body is in survival mode. What  
you're actually experiencing is shock...

ADAM  
No, I think I'm fine.

KATHERINE  
...That's why you feel that sense of calm. Would you  
describe what you're feeling as a kind of "numbness"?

ADAM  
I would describe it as fine.

KATHERINE  
Because certain patients—

ADAM  
I feel great.

KATHERINE

Wonderful, I think that's wonderful  
-- if it's alright with you, today I'd like to start with  
some very simple relaxation exercises.

ADAM

But I am relaxed.

KATHERINE

I know you are. But if you want to lie down...

ADAM

Lie down?

KATHERINE

Yeah.

KATHERINE

And close your eyes.

ADAM

Really?

KATHERINE

Yeah, for this to work, you're gonna have to trust me.

Katherine presses play on her laptop - playing new agey  
meditation music.