

Perfecting the touch - adapted fr. 50/50  
Adam and Katherine

INT. KATHERINE'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS  
Adam arrives talking to his mom on the phone.

ADAM  
Mom it's not a virus!...No, it's the screen saver.

Adam mouths sorry to Katherine.

ADAM (CONT'D)  
...Please, I'm telling you, just move the mouse...mom I can't talk now. I have an appointment. Yes, right now. I'm standing inside the office as we speak...I don't know what I'm making for dinner...something, I'll figure it out.

Adam looks at Katherine

ADAM (CONT'D)  
...Mom, I really have to go. OK,  
hanging up the phone now. OK, I know...Love you too.

Adam hangs up the phone. Takes a deep breath.

ADAM (CONT'D)  
Sorry about that.

KATHERINE  
Don't worry about it. I have parents too.

ADAM  
Do yours give you migraines?

KATHERINE  
My parents are something I would talk about with my therapist.

ADAM  
Really?

KATHERINE  
Yeah, we could role play. I can be your mom.

ADAM  
Oh God, no. That's disgusting.

KATHERINE  
Why is that disgusting?

ADAM

My mom is a crazy person who worries incessantly. Honestly, it annoys the shit out of me. And it's not helpful...I can't talk to her.

KATHERINE

So now she has a husband she can't talk to, and a son who won't talk to her.

ADAM

Well, yeah, I guess.

KATHERINE

I mean, aren't you being kind of a dick?

ADAM

I'm sorry? Is that a medical term?

KATHERINE

Your parents are who they are, you can't change that. The only thing you can change is how you choose to deal with them.

ADAM

Aren't you supposed to subtly manipulate me into being aware of my faults? Not call me out.

KATHERINE

I think we're beyond that point. You did clean my car.

Katherine looks at Adam - grabs hold of his shoulder, squeezing it.

KATHERINE (CONT'D)

It's weird, isn't it? Shouldn't have done it. Shouldn't have gone for it.

ADAM

No, it was good, it was good.

KATHERINE

No, it wasn't. It's so forced.

ADAM

Here try again, I was too far. Come in a little closer.

He inches closer to her, and sticks out his shoulder.

KATHERINE

I'm going to make it real natural.

Katherine places a hand on him, testing.

ADAM

That was better.