

- The Doctor -

Scene Jack and June (minute 0:59 in the movie)

DR. JACK MACKEE and JUNE ELLIS are sitting in the waiting room. He taps nervously on the couch and looks at June playfully.

DR. MACKEE Well, this is quality time. Why couldn't they send us the new IDs through the mail? Do we know?

June ignores him and looks the other way.

JUNE (ironically) Tell them you're a big doctor. Cut in line.

DR. JACK MACKEE looks at her surprised.

DR. MACKEE Are you angry with me?

JUNE (disparaging) You lied to me.

DR. JACK MACKEE looks at her astonished.

DR. MACKEE What?

She looks away again.

JUNE My tumor. I see it giving me certain freedoms I never allowed myself.

DR. MACKEE Yeah, like being incredibly hostile.

He observes her interested. She puts emphasis on her next sentence.

JUNE Like being honest and expecting people around me to do the same.

DR. MACKEE What did I lie about for Christ's sake?

JUNE (vividly) I'm dying. Please don't waste my time.

DR. JACK MACKEE stares at her. The NURSE enters the room.

NURSE Miss Ellis? - your card.

He hands her the card. JUNE takes it and puts it in her purse.

JUNE Thank you.

DR. JACK MACKKEE leans forward to JUNE.

DR. JACK MACKKEE They should have found your tumor. You were right. Somebody screwed up.

She acknowledges his effort. He tries to be as gentle as possible.

DR. JACK MACKKEE You should've had an MRI. But the system stinks. Insurance companies tell us what tests we can and cannot do. An MRI, which I know would have found your tumor... (pause) costs about a thousand dollars, so...

She stares at him in disbelief. She laughs sarcastically; gets tears in her eyes.

DR. JACK MACKKEE Yeah- (pause) It's appalling.

JUNE thinks about it. She turns to him again in disgust.

JUNE And what about your fathers patient?

He can't look her in the eyes. She looks at him full of hope.

JUNE ...the one who recovered...?!

DR. JACK MACKKEE fights his bad conscience and takes a long time to answer.

DR. JACK MACKKEE There was no patient.

JUNE takes a deep breath and tries to keep her pride being lied to.

JUNE Ok... (she looks at him again) Just don't lie to me again.

DR. JACK MACKKEE (gentle) ...ok.