

PATIENT "ONE"

Web series

"Pilot"

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ACT ONE

EXT. KEVORKIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE - DAY

A typical 'for profit' medical career college in suburban Los Angeles, with two four story buildings and a parking lot. The rest of the "college" is a strip mall.

INT. CLASSROOM - ANATOMY LAB - DAY

MATTY KWON, 31, stands quietly in his lab coat at his lab table with his lab partner, KATE 28, a lovely Nursing student like him. They stare at a frog on the table in front of them, belly up, waiting to be dissected.

Matty holds the scalpel timidly as he slowly approaches the frog's belly to make the first cut. He hesitates, wipes his sweaty forehead... He can't do it. His partner Kate grabs the scalpel and slides it through the frog's belly like butter.

KATE

There you go. Let's get to work.

MATTY

I was going to do it. I wanted to be more respectful to the patient.

KATE

It's not a patient it's a frog, and he's already dead so I don't think he minds.

MATTY

Billy is not dead.

KATE

Who is Billy.

MATTY

The frog you just killed. He was my friend.

KATE

We just met him ten minutes ago. You named him.

MATTY

I like to give it a personal touch. My customer service is top notch.

KATE

...Your dissection skills are bottom notch. You can find the small intestines.

Matty takes the scalpel from her and slowly leans over the frog looking into it's open cavity.

MATTY

I don't see it.

KATE

You have to get closer. Get in there. Poke around.

Matty cringes.

MATTY

Poke around in the small intestines? Isn't that where poop comes from?

KATE

Yes, get use to it... Push the other organs to the side. You have to do this to graduate. You can't keep avoiding it.

He leans forward again, then adjusts his safety glasses.

MATTY

What if some 'poop juice' squirts out.

KATE

Then your goggles will get dirty. Just keep your mouth closed.

He digs the scalpel in the hole lightly.

MATTY

OH MY GOODNESS... what is that smell.

He gags a little...

KATE

It's formaldehyde, a preservative.

MATTY

Is it cancerous? Cause it smells cancerous. I have to be careful because of my... condition.

(MORE)

MATTY (CONT'D)

Feels like my thyroid is shutting  
down. Feel my neck...

KATE

Give me the scalpel.

Kate takes the scalpel and finishes cutting the frog.

MATTY

We make a great team don't we...

**END OF ACT ONE**

ACT TWO

INT. MATTY'S APARTMENT - DAY

Matty and his roommate BRUCE, 29, a stocky EMT with a goal of being a better EMT or maybe a supervisor if it's not too much work. They drink beer.

MATTY

...so we spent our whole lab just talking. I think she likes me.

BRUCE

But you still didn't ask her out.

MATTY

Not yet.

BRUCE

Time is ticking man. YOLO.

MATTY

I want her to get to know me first.

BRUCE

You didn't tell her about your...  
"quirky" germ thing did you.

MATTY

It didn't really come up.

BRUCE

Good don't let it. It's not sexy.

MATTY

You sound like my sister Mary.

BRUCE

In this case she's right. No chick wants a man who's afraid of everything.

MATTY

Not everything, just germs, public places, forks, bathrooms...

BRUCE

All the things normal people use. Look you have to get over this if you want to make it through nursing school, or even get a date.

(MORE)

BRUCE (CONT'D)

What are you gonna do, bring your own fork to dinner.

MATTY

That's pretty common actually.

BRUCE

Yeah amongst serial killers. Trust me bro. You wanna make her your woman, act tough.

MATTY

I'm trying. I'm just stressed right now. We have midterms coming up and I can't get through this dissection. I just need to become a doctor to finally show my parents I'm smarter than my sister.

BRUCE

Flunking nursing school is not the path to medical school. And your sister Mary is a genius lawyer, plus she's hot.

MATTY

She's not really hot that's makeup. I figure I'll get over my germ issues in nursing school, then I'll be fine by Med School.

BRUCE

As your roommate, and resident Life Coach, I can't condone that plan. You've been a germaphobe all your life, now you expect to get over it in 12 months. Good luck with that.

MATTY

You're a pessimistic life coach. That's terrible.

BRUCE

That's why I gave you a discount. I'm honest.

**END OF ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

INT. KEVORKIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE - CLASSROOM - DAY

The nursing students sit at their desks during a lecture.

Matty leans over to Kate who sits across from him.

MATTY

Hey Kate, can we practice the dissection after this.

KATE

I have to pick my son up. Maybe tomorrow.

MATTY

Sure... or we can do it after you get your son. Over some food maybe.

KATE

I'm only eating paleo right now.

MATTY

That's great... me too.

KATE

Really. You don't seem like the Paleo type.

MATTY

You kidding. I love... Paleo. My favorite.

Okay, I know a great Paleo place. Let's meet at six, we can study and eat. I'll text you the address.

MATTY (CONT'D)

Great.

The lecture ends and everyone leaves.

Matty into his phone:

MATTY (CONT'D)

Hey Siri - What is Paleo?

SIRI

...Eating a diet of wild plants and animals like man's Paleolithic ancestors.

Matty GAGS.

INT. PALEO RESTARAUNT - NIGHT

Matty enters and Kate waves him over to her table.

MATTY

Sorry I'm late I was stuck on the  
405.

KATE

No problem. I'm just glad you like  
Paleo', none of my friends like it.  
Something about eating like a  
caveman turns them off.

MATTY

Oh it's great. Even though most  
cavemen died before 30 years old.  
I'm sure it wasn't because of diet.

KATE

They probably died from tapeworms  
from not having fire to cook with.  
I ordered some stuff for us. Let me  
know if you like it.

A waiter places a plate of "very rare" meat on the table.

Matty's face turns pale as he stares at the food...

**END ACT THREE**