

## - 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 father's 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 from being lied to.*

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

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