

The Psychiatrist  
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INT: PSYCHIATRIST'S OFFICE - DAY

In the corner of the room is a computer on a desk. By the sides are a small fish tank and a lava lamp. In the middle of the area is a seated PSYCHIATRIST (35) in a suit and with a pen and paper on his lap. He faces his seated PATIENT, CLIVE (25) in casual clothes.

PSYCHIATRIST

Hello, Clive. I've brought you here to discuss your mental assessment. Are you well?

CLIVE

I'm fine, nice to meet you. How did I do?

The PSYCHIATRIST coughs.

PSYCHIATRIST

Do you know what a personality disorder is?

CLIVE steeple his hands.

CLIVE

Yep. A funny way of looking at the world.

The PSYCHIATRIST nods.

PSYCHIATRIST

Excellent. And you know of the different types?

CLIVE

I don't think I know all of them.

PSYCHIATRIST

Ok. Well basically there are three clusters. Cluster A personality disorders are weird, cluster B are mental and cluster C are nervous.

CLIVE shakes his head in disbelief.

CLIVE

So I'm either weird, mental or nervous?

The PSYCHIATRIST crosses his arms.

PSYCHIATRIST

Errr... Let me explain in more detail. In cluster A, we have paranoid, schizoid and schizotypal disorders...

CLIVE  
How interesting...

PSYCHIATRIST  
In cluster B are antisocial,  
narcissistic, borderline and  
histrionic personality disorders...

CLIVE  
Hm...

PSYCHIATRIST  
And in cluster C, you have obsessive  
compulsive, avoidant and dependent  
personality disorders...

CLIVE  
So which one do I have then?

The PSYCHIATRIST widens his eyes.

PSYCHIATRIST  
Which ONE??

CLIVE  
I have more than one?

PSYCHIATRIST  
Clive, you have all of them! That's  
never happened before!

CLIVE puts his hands on his hips and gives a smug smile.

CLIVE  
A world first, you mean?

The PSYCHIATRIST touches his ear.

PSYCHIATRIST  
Yaaaahhh.

CLIVE  
Oh wow.

PSYCHIATRIST  
How does that make you feel?

CLIVE  
Like I'm walking on air. Like I can  
achieve anything.

The PSYCHIATRIST covers his head with his hand.

PSYCHIATRIST  
Oh God.

CLIVE

I mean before, I was worried I couldn't get a job, but NOW...

The PSYCHIATRIST pulls himself together.

PSYCHIATRIST

And what line of work are you interested in?

CLIVE

Well, I'm qualified for all forms of employment.

PSYCHIATRIST

You think each personality disorder gives you a different skill?

CLIVE

Sure! Obsessive Compulsive Disorder makes you hard working, right?

The PSYCHIATRIST points upwards with his finger.

PSYCHIATRIST

It can do, but...

CLIVE

And histrionic personality disorder makes you entertaining?

PSYCHIATRIST

Again, possibly, but..

CLIVE

So I'm a genius?

PSYCHIATRIST

No. Contrary to your belief, you actually have one of the worst personalities I've ever come across.

CLIVE tuts and doesn't look convinced.

CLIVE

Oh. So I shouldn't add my diagnoses to my CV?

PSYCHIATRIST

To be very clear, I don't think you should be applying for jobs. Applying for mental institutions on the other hand is a very good idea.

CLIVE

Do they pay well?

PSYCHIATRIST  
 You might be able to earn a bit of  
 cash selling artwork you make to  
 general public.

CLIVE  
 Enough to pay the bills?

The PSYCHIATRIST gives a warm smile.

PSYCHIATRIST  
 That's the thing! They'll be no bills  
 for you to pay!

CLIVE  
 Cool. Still though, I was hoping to be  
 prime minister...

PSYCHIATRIST  
 Because you're so special?

CLIVE  
 Yes. Does it pay well?

PSYCHIATRIST  
 Yes it pays well. Ok then. I'll help  
 you write your CV.

The PSYCHIATRIST writes as he talks.

PSYCHIATRIST  
 Dear Sir. I'm Clive, I want to be  
 prime minister. I have paranoid,  
 schizoid, schizotypal, borderline,  
 antisocial, narcissistic, histrionic,  
 obsessive compulsive, avoidant and  
 dependent personality disorders.  
 That's never happened before. Clearly  
 I'm multi-talented and can do  
 anything. I hope to hear from you  
 soon. Regards, Clive.

CLIVE gives a thumbs up.

CLIVE  
 That was great, thanks!

PSYCHIATRIST  
 I'll post that to Boris Johnson, ASAP.  
 With respect, I'm sure he'll hand his  
 position over to you. For the good of  
 the country. You can go, now.

CLIVE  
 Cheers!

CLIVE leaves with a spring in his step. The PSYCHIATRIST'S eyes never leave him.