

HEEL

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Characters: 2 women

Karen, 25+, scientist

Alice, 25+, scientist

Synopsis: Karen discover she has been contaminated with a serum that will transform her into a dog. She pleads for help from her friend, Alice.

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INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

KAREN paces back and forth waiting for Alice to come home. She thinks she hears a sound and runs to the window to look out. False alarm. Her behavior slowly becomes more and more dog-like. She continues to pace.

She suddenly has an uncontrollable urge to squat down. She notices herself squatting as if she was unaware, yet she can't resist. She goes to her hands and knees and begins to breathe heavy, which then turns into a panting.

We hear the sound of keys opening the door. KAREN panics, and despite the resistance, she is able to stand up on her feet. Alice enters the door.

KAREN

Oh, thank God you're here.

ALICE

What's wrong?

KAREN

I think it's happening to me.

ALICE

What's happening to you?

KAREN

I feel like I'm changing.

ALICE

What do you mean?

(beat)

Wait a minute. Are you talking about the accident at the lab last month?

KAREN

Yes. You said Eddy began to acquire canine characteristics, right?

ALICE

Karen, he was the only one contaminated. Besides, you weren't anywhere near the lab at the time.

KAREN

I'm telling you, I don't feel well. I have these urges. Really weird urges.

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ALICE

Don't be ridiculous. Eddy only had
minor symptoms for a few hours
...and he had direct contact with
the serum.

KAREN

Then why do I have this
irresistible urge to pee on the
carpet?

ALICE

Because you're nuts?

(beat)

Look, Karen. You've been overworked
for months. This is probably a
...psycho-somatic reaction to the
stress.

KAREN

Yeah, maybe you're right?

ALICE

Of course I am.

Alice goes into the kitchen. Karen tries to relax. But can't
resist the urge to go down all-fours. She begins to pant
again.

ALICE (O.C.) (CONT'D)

How about some Rocky Road ice
cream?

Karen begins to get excited and tries to wag her tail and
bounce with excitement.

KAREN

Okay. Okay. Okay

Alice comes back in and sees Karen on her hands and knees.
The physical transformation has already begun. Karen now has
a dog nose, paws and some fur.

ALICE

Karen?

Suddenly we see a tail rip through Karen's clothing. Karen is
now about 50% dog.

KAREN

Alice. Help me!

Alice realizes the seriousness.

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ALICE

Oh my God, Karen. Oh my ...just relax. Stay calm. Adrenaline will just advance your symptoms.

(beat)

I don't understand how you could have been effected? The serum was destroyed. The only one effected was Eddy.

Karen now speaks with the occasional dog inflections.

KAREN

I have to think. I have to think before I get dog-stupid.

(panting)

How was Eddy contaminated?

ALICE

He spilled the serum on his lap. As soon as he began to display the symptoms, he took a shower and he was back to normal.

Karen behaves more like an excited lap dog as she panics.

KAREN

On his lap?

ALICE

Yes.

KAREN

How much?

ALICE

Maybe a half liter. Why?

KAREN

Oh no. It must have been absorbed in his oil glands. That's the only way.

ALICE

What are you talking about?

KAREN

Alice, there's something I have to tell you.

ALICE

What, you have to go out ...outside?

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KAREN

It's Eddy and I. We've been seeing each other.

ALICE

What? How could you do this to me?

(pause)

Wait. How did you get contaminated?

(pause)

Oil glands! In his crotch! ...and on his...

(begins to cry)

..You had sex with Eddy?

KAREN

I'm so sorry, Alice. It just happened. Look, we can talk about that later, but right now you have to help me. You have to get an antidote.

ALICE

I can't believe you did this to me. You knew I was in love with him.

KAREN

Please, Alice.

ALICE

Oh ...you ...bitch!

Alice storms out. Karen then transforms to 80% dog.

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