William’s Willy
A Ri(dick)ulus 10-Minute Play
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CHARACTERS

KAREN JOHNSON, a new mother in her early 20s, reluctant to get her child circumcised

BEN JOHNSON, a new father in his early 20s, adamant about the circumcision

DOCTOR, an OBGYN named Christine

Setting: Hospital room containing a bed and a visitor’s chair.
ONE

(After the birth of their first child, new parents Ben and Karen try and make important decisions regarding their son’s future. Karen is in the hospital bed, Ben in the chair next to her.)

KAREN

(brainstorming)
Jonathan…

BEN

Ehhh…. Robert

KAREN

What, he’s a businessman now?…. Do you like Jeffrey?

BEN

That was the name of my high school bully.

KAREN

Okay… How about…

(snapping, trying to think of the name, it’s on the tip of her tongue)

BOTH

William!

BEN

Finally!

KAREN

It only took 9 months, 15 hours of labor, and a lot of drugs....

BEN

Now all we have to do is schedule the circumcision…

KAREN

Yeah and that shouldn’t take too long to figuring—wait, what?

BEN

Circumcision. You know, where they hold him down and cut off his—
KAREN
Stop! I know what it is and it is not happening.

(Ent. DOCTOR)

DOCTOR
Hello, hello. So, do we have a name for the little lad?

KAREN
Yes, finally. William Richard Johnson.

DOCTOR
Well, isn’t that beautiful! Just think, in a couple of years you’ll have a little Willy running around.

BEN
I’ve had a little willy for years.

DOCTOR
Size doesn’t matter if you know how to use it. And I have a feeling you are very skilled.

KAREN
(rolling her eyes, dripping in sarcasm)
Yeah, his blind, erratic, jabbing motion is incredibly skilled.

BEN
My dick game may be weak, but I’m fluent in cuntalingo.

DOCTOR
(tiger growl noise, complete with paw swipe; then looks to KAREN)
At least that’s one thing we have in common, isn’t that right, Karen?

KAREN
(flushes, nervous that Ben’s in the room)
Ha, yeah… Me too…

DOCTOR
You seem tense… here let me help.

(she attempts to rub KAREN shoulders while she’s sitting up in the hospital bed)

KAREN
Thanks Chris, you’re too sweet to me.

DOCTOR
Sweet on you, more like it.

(she ends with a wink)
Hey, Doctor? Don’t you need to attend to Will?

Right! I’ll be right back with the birth certificate.

Karen. Skin or no skin?

What?

William. Circumcision. Come on, we have to make this decision before Doc comes back.

Oh, no. I think he should be left alone.

Our kid needs to be clean, boys are gross, therefore, foreskin is gross.

I know.

Hey. Growing boys are forgetful, adding another thing to clean just makes things complicated, god forbid he gets a DISEASE.

What kind of disease is self-spread through a skin turtleneck?

Smegma is a very real problem, Karen.

(cringing)
Gross! I’m just worried about taking away a choice that affects his entire life. Who are we to say what he does or doesn’t do with his pecker?

It’s not like he’ll know the difference anyway.

We’ll be cleaning him for the first what, five years?
BEN
Yeah and then he’ll become a teenager, stop cleaning himself, and soon we will be having the same argument at his casket.

KAREN
What the fuck, Ben. Little Willy was just born!

BEN
And now he’s 6-feet under because you didn't wanna clip his dick.

KAREN
Fine! We can get him circumcised.

BEN
Awesome, we’ll match!

KAREN
Please don’t compare yourself to our infant child.

BEN
(scoffs, under his breath)
...At least I’m bigger…

(ent. DOCTOR carrying the birth certificate)

DOCTOR
Okay! I’ll just need both of your signatures here and here. (KAREN and BEN both sign)

BEN
Hey, Christine?

DOCTOR
Yes, Mr. Johnson?

BEN
What’s your opinion on circumcision?

DOCTOR
Well, it’s pretty normalized now in the states and studies show that circumcised teen boys have less infections than boys that aren’t. (BEN gives an “I told you so” look to KAREN)

And since you’re circumcised, Ben, you'll know how to take care of him.
(KAREN’s eyes widen, she sits up in the bed and opens her mouth to speak, she may get out part of the following line before BEN cuts her off, but it is not necessary to be heard or said)

KAREN
/Hold on a minute, Christine, you’ve seen his dick?/

BEN
/Alright, that settles it he’s getting circumcised.

KAREN
(grimaces, forces a smile on her face in a “we’ll talk about this later” manner) Doctor knows best.

DOCTOR
I should really get these papers back to admin… I’ll see you two in a minute.
(extended DOCTOR)

KAREN
(outburst) How does she know you’re circumcised?

BEN
(trying to calm her down) It’s always healthy to have an open relationship with your primary care physician./

KAREN
/SHE’S NOT YOUR DOCTOR, BEN.

BEN
How about I go grab you a sandwich and we can talk about this later.
(he kisses her forehead) I love you.
(extended BEN, KAREN yells after him: “I wasn’t done!” or “Benjamin Ryan Johnson you get back here!” or “This isn’t over!” (actor’s choice) extended DOCTOR)

DOCTOR
Hey Mrs. Johnson, how are you feeling?

KAREN
You’ve seen his dick?

DOCTOR
Oh, god. I thought you knew?

KAREN
The baby didn’t tell you that I didn’t?
DOCTOR
Yea, that was a surprise for me too, when were you gonna tell me that you were trying?

KAREN
We weren’t trying.

DOCTOR
Oh. Did you…? (want it)* This is the implied meaning of the line. These words should not be spoken *

KAREN
Not at first. But you know Ben, I couldn’t do that to him.
(KAREN is upset, dwelling on the past)

DOCTOR
Hey, c’mere, don’t be so down.

(KAREN is upset, dwelling on the past)

DOCTOR
Hello, c’mere, don’t be so down.

DOCTOR kisses KAREN gently as ent. BEN with sandwich, turkey on rye with mustard, he’s currently eating it, so he’s a little distracted

BEN
Hey Kar, I’ve been thinking: what if we do 50/50? William gets snipped and Baby #2 can go au naturale-- Christine what the fuck. You’re cheating on me with my wife?

DOCTOR
You didn’t know?

BEN
(sarcasm)
Yeah we tell each other about all of our affairs.

KAREN
(more to herself)
… What the fuck… I can’t believe you cheated on me, I can’t believe she cheated on me…

(BEN starts laughing almost hysterically)

KAREN
Don’t laugh about this.

BEN
Think about it. We just had a baby. I’m having an affair, you’re having an affair. Our affair (gesturing to Christine) is having an affair- with us.

DOCTOR
I’m not sure if I was having an affair. It seemed to me more like a throuple to me.
KAREN

(lets out a defeated laugh)
This kid’s gonna be fucked.

BEN

(more to himself than her)
God, I can't believe you were sleeping with the both of us and never even offered a threesome.

KAREN

(interested)
Would you- Would you be into that?

BEN

Oo kinky, a little doctor checkup.

DOCTOR

I prefer not to mix my professional and personal life.

KAREN

You’re a little late there, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I can see that Karen, but in my defense the affairs started before you were my patient.

KAREN

And you didn’t think to tell us?

DOCTOR

I thought you knew! It was too much of a coincidence to have two halves of a couple chat me up on the same night.

BEN

Hold up. You started flirting with me.

DOCTOR

And then Karen started flirting with me, she introduced herself as your wife.

KAREN

I wasn't flirting, you were pretty and I was bored.

DOCTOR

Then you shouldn’t have accepted my coffee date, if anything you led me on!

KAREN

Look, I just can’t envision myself spending the rest of my life with a cheater, like you!
DOCTOR
You mean like yourself? Or like Ben?

BEN
Hey, you’re the one who was cheating on us.

DOCTOR
“On us.” That’s the problem there. I’m not excusing my actions, but you were cheating on each other with me, you should’ve told me something, anything really.

BEN
Uh, it’s not cheating if it’s just anal.

KAREN
Ben, just let me do the talking, sweetie.
(to DOCTOR)
If we both cheated at the same time, they cancel each other out. It’s like algebra. We had a common denominator: you.

DOCTOR
I don’t even know where to begin. It’s incredibly unfair that you/

(These lines MUST be overlapping, they should not necessarily come in order, but it is very vital that there be no open air during or between lines. The actor playing DOCTOR should intervene with the next monologue whenever they see fit, regardless if the lines have been finished. Ad libbing is also encouraged.)

BEN
/Is algebra the math with the letters?

KAREN
Ben, I told you to let me do the talking.

BEN
Why do you always treat me like an idiot?
Go ahead. Prove me wrong.

I picked you didn’t I.

You picked her too./

/Karen, you also picked me/

/So another reason why I’m *not* an idiot.

That’s not what I … god I can't believe I’ve been with you this long.

Are you saying I’m a mistake?

No, that's not what I meant. I’m just saying…

That we shouldn't have gotten married or we shouldn't have had our child?/

/Maybe you shouldn’t’ve cheated/

/Maybe if you wore a condom we wouldn't be in this mess./

/Oh really? Maybe you should’ve kept your legs closed./

/Just look at her, she's gorgeous./

/I KNOW that’s why I got my dick wet!/ 

/I’m not/ an object/
/So you’re saying I’m not pretty?/

BEN

/Of course you’re pretty. I banged you, didn’t I?/

KAREN

/Do you make all of your decisions with your giggle stick?/

DOCTOR

/Please, will you both just listen to me/

BEN

/Pussy plower./

KAREN

/Mistress-haver/

BEN

/Muffmunch./

KAREN

/Okay, that’s a little insensitive to the LGBT+ community don’t you think?/

BEN

/Are you calling me a bigot?/

KAREN

/No I would never, Ben I /love you./

DOCTOR

(she slams the clipboard down on the bed, to get both of their attentions)

/I’m done! This (gestures between the three of them) can’t happen anymore, it shouldn’t have happened in the first place. I can’t believe I thought- I can’t believe I wanted a relationship with either of you, let alone both of you. You are the PERFECT pair but god damn do I feel sorry for William Richard to have to deal with two imbeciles like you for parents. I’m surprised you can even conceive. Better have CPS on speed dial, because you’re gonna need it.

(DOCTOR goes to exit, before she has a lightbulb moment, she spins around)

Did you even care about me? Or was it just my body, huh?

(met with silence)

God, what did I expect? You two can obviously only love each other because you’re both too fucking stupid to do anything else!

(ext. DOCTOR, slamming the door after a moment, KAREN picks up the clipboard.)
There is definitely a tone change in the room. Karen is gravely serious, it may take Ben a little longer to catch on.

KAREN

(\textit{genuinely hurt and heartbroken})
Oh my god.

BEN

Did she have to be so… brutal?

KAREN

(\textit{beat})
Ben… did we make a mistake?

BEN

Maybe we should’ve been a throuple.

KAREN

(\textit{A half-hearted laugh})
Ben I’m serious.

BEN

(\textit{puts his hand on hers reassuringly})
I know Kar, everything will be alright. I promise.

KAREN

God, I hope you'll be a good dad… I hope I’m gonna be a good mom…

BEN

(\textit{gets into the hospital bed with KAREN, his arm around her shoulders, pulling her close to his chest})
I know we’ll be good parents. Fuck what Christine said. We just have to take it one step at a time and sure, maybe it’ll be rocky at first, but we can make it through this. We can make it through anything.

(\textit{he kisses the top of her head})
Starting with the circumcision.

\textit{Blackout.}