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At the doctor's - Video Transcript

Narrator: You are about to experience a brief simulation of a psychotic episode in a patient with schizophrenia. The symptoms you will experience represent a compilation of a range of sensory occurrences, as reported by actual patients.

Text: The doctor will see you now...

Doctor: Hi. Sorry I'm late I had to take a phone call.

WV: You don't need to see a doctor.

MV: There's nothing wrong with you. You're the one in control.

Doctor: So tell me how you've been feeling.

MV: This loser is wasting your time.

WV: The doc's no good.

Doctor: So what did you do this weekend?

MV: He doesn't want this one running around loose.

Doctor: Do you need me to repeat that? You seem distracted. You seem distracted. Are you ok? Last time you were talking about volunteering.

WV: There he is.

MV: See, he's the one.

Doctor: Have you spoken to them yet? Look at me. Look at me when I talk to you.

[Clock reads 1:30]

Doctor: Hey! I said look at me.

Poster: Why don't you just leave? Now. He's going to trick you. He's going to trick you. Run away.

MV: [laughing] Run away!

[Clock reads 12:12]

Doctor: Do you need me to repeat that? Did you visit your family at all this week?

WV: Don't tell him. Don't tell him, don't tell him!

Book cover: They're trying to poison you.

[Laughing in background]

[Clock changes back to 1:30]

Doctor: You mentioned having trouble getting to sleep last time. How have you been sleeping? Am I losing you?

MV: Trick you. He's going to trick you.

Doctor: Am I losing you? Do you want to take a break?

[Clock reads "GO:NOW"]

[Static from radio]

MV: He's sending some transmission from the mother ship. Oh no!

[static]

WV: Run! Run!

Doctor: Now it's really important that you keep taking them every day, even when you're feeling fine. So you're clear on when to take your medication, and how much to take?

[Clock reads "LOSER"]

Mixed Voices: Evil, evil, more evil. Loser, loser.

WV: Loser, loser, loser, loser, loser...

Book cover: Person of the Year

MV: He's just tormenting you.

WV: Evil!

MV: He's lying.

MV: Loser, loser.

[Constant voicing of "loser" in background]

MV: Shh!

Doctor: See you next week.

This experience is intended to heighten your awareness of the conditions affecting patients with schizophrenia. It is not meant to suggest that all of the symptoms depicted here are displayed by all schizophrenics. There is no typical case of schizophrenia.