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# DOA: Dead or Alive

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Princess Kasumi.

Your brother is dead.

Your destiny is to lead your people.

(CHIRPING)

I will not believe he is dead  
until I see his body.

There is no body.

Then he is not dead.

- I am going to find him.

- The guards won't let you leave.

I am not a cricket in a box.

I alone determine my destiny.

But, Princess, as your brother's best friend  
you must let me help you.

If my brother is really dead  
then you are no longer his best friend.

Princess Kasumi, if you leave  
you suffer the same fate as your brother.

You'll become an outcast,  
a shinobi.

So be it.

Princess, the guards will kill you.

(SWORD UNSHEATHING)

Ayane, I know of your love for my brother.

I will find Hayate and bring him home.

Princess Kasumi,

I beg you, do not leave the clan.

I am your servant. But if you leave,  
I'm honor-bound to kill you.

Miss Armstrong, I'm sorry to interrupt,  
but it's your father again.

I told you I'm busy.

But, Miss Armstrong, he just...

- Okay, put him on speaker.

- Very good.

Hi, Dad, what's up?

**BASS:**

what you're giving up.

Dad, we already talked about this.

But if you get the afternoon flight,  
you can still make it

to the Tag Team Championship  
in Des Moines.

Dad, I already told you, I am done wrestling.

I'm done being fake. I'm done.

Sweetheart?

Are you there?

Hey, Dad. I'm gonna have to call you back  
in a minute, okay?

(SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

Miss Armstrong.

(WHISTLING)

Miss Armstrong!

Here's the deal, lady. We want the yacht.

If you do exactly as we say, you'll live.

If you don't,

then you'll pay with excruciating...

No deal, boys.

You boys get off my yacht now,

and y'all will avoid excruciating pain.

(LAUGHING)

(CRACKLING)

(SCREAMING)

You need some help, buddy?

It's okay. Come on. Come on. It's okay.

I'll give you a hand. Yeah.

Yeah.

What do you know?

Looks like I'm going to the ball after all.

- May I help you?

- You're under arrest.

Someone broke into the safe

at the Hotel Peking last night.

Stole cash and diamonds.

We received an anonymous tip it was you.

- It was Max.

- He said it was you.

You just said your tip was anonymous.

Tell me about the diamonds.

Well, they're a girl's best friend.

Made from carbon

subjected to high pressure.

Traditionally a 60th wedding

anniversary gift.

And they're forever.

Well, perhaps spending a few hours

in a cold cell under some hot lights

will make you a little more agreeable.

- Could I at least get dressed first?

- Be my guest.

(SWALLOWING)

Would you hand me my bra, please?

Do me up.

(ELEVATOR BELL DINGS)

**CHRISTIE:**

(GRUNTS RESPONSE)

(ELEVATOR BELL DINGS)

(GRUNTING)

Hey, you okay?

**MASTER:**

She has become shinobi, an outcast.

A disgrace to the clan

like her brother before her.

You must follow her.

Find her and kill her.

Welcome to the world's greatest

martial arts tournament, DOA.

I'm Helena Douglas and I want

to thank you for accepting our invitation.

Each of you has been individually selected

because you represent the best

fighting style in your specialized field.

Soon you will get a chance to prove

that you are the best fighter in the world.

And at the same time,

pick up a \$10 million prize.

In the meantime,

relax before the real fun begins.

God, this is so embarrassing, Dad.

I cannot believe you're here.

What? I got an invitation just like you.

Tina Armstrong. Baby.

So, how come you're here?

That lady just said,

"The best in your fighting style."

Now if I recall, you're a wrestler.

Wrestling ain't really fighting, now is it?

- Don't worry, Tina, he's beneath you.

- I sure would like to be.

- Son of a...

- Dad.

Whatever.

God, I cannot wait to kick his ass.

- Why do you follow me?

- I was invited to DOA.

- I promise not to harm you.

- Unless we meet in a match.

- Max.

- Oh, no.

Max!

Listen, I don't know

who you're pretending to be

or how you got yourself invited to DOA,

(GROANS)

but what I do know is you left me alone

in my Hong Kong hotel room.

I would never leave

such a woman as you alone.

Especially not in a hotel room.

I'm winning the \$10 million prize money.

And if I get to put your double-dealing arse

in the "D" column of "Dead or Alive",

(GROANS)

so much the better.

Let me help you with that.

Hey, everybody.

I hope you're enjoying the flight.

My welcome gift to you is this.

To get to DOA Island

you have to bail out now.

Parachutes are under your seats.

Just aim for the Buddha on your left.

Have fun.

Oh, and one more thing.

Whoever doesn't make it to the compound

by sundown is disqualified.

(WIND WHISTLING)

Princess, allow me to go first.

**CHRISTIE:**

How in hell

are we supposed to get up there?

**KASUMI :**

Well, you're both on your own.  
I don't do teams.  
That's fine with me. Any team you're part of  
is bound to lose anyway.  
Well, I'll remember that  
when I'm collecting the \$10 million.

**CHRISTIE :**

Race you.  
If we're going to make it,  
we need to work together.  
Hey!  
(GRUNTS)

**KASUMI :**

(SCREAMING)  
Oh, God, what are you doing down there?  
Jesus, hurry up.  
We've gotta go.  
Thanks, guys.  
Hey, what took you guys so long?

**TINA :**

Trust me, you don't want to know.  
Welcome to DOA. Glad you made it.  
I'm afraid you guys were the last to arrive.  
Now, if you'll all follow me,  
I will conduct you to the others.

**COMPUTER :**

Dr. Victor Donovan.  
Welcome to you all.  
Dead or Alive was created  
by the late great Fame Douglas,  
Helena's father and my very good friend.  
Fame's will decreed this tournament,  
and as of this year, marking her  
My assistants will escort you to the lab  
where you will now undergo  
a complete physical.

**DONOVAN :**

DOA begins.

Hey, this thing kind of reminds me  
of a disco.

- Zack.

- Yo.

May I please remind you  
of the importance of this procedure?

It's important, I know.

But you can't stop Zack, man.

You can only hope to contain him a little bit.

So, what do you got there,  
some modern kind of dentistry chair?

- I'm sorry, sweetheart.

- It's okay.

Weatherby, have you got those  
diagnostic reports I requested?

Thank you.

And how do our contestants look?

We got a strong group, sir.

They look really good.

Bring up Tina Armstrong.

I was impressed with her musculature.

Oh, God, this is gonna hurt.

Standard procedure, Miss Armstrong.

Everyone's going through this.

**- DONOVAN:**

- Perfectly. All contestants are online.

All metabolic functions

and muscle movements

are being broadcast

and ready to download to computer.

Good. Start a contestant database.

**WEATHERBY:**

This is Donovan to all combatants.

Welcome to DOA.

Fights can happen anytime, anyplace,  
against anyone.

I select match-ups

based on computer analyses

of the most competitive scenarios.

The computer will broadcast

your opponent's image

to your ID bracelet.

No weapons are allowed in a DOA fight,  
except the human weapon.

**COMPUTER:**

**DONOVAN:**

you must knock out your opponent.  
Losers will be sent home.  
(WHIRRING)  
(GRUNTING)

**COMPUTER:**

Bayman wins.  
KO.  
Christie wins.  
Hey, Helena.

**COMPUTER:**

Helena wins.  
KO. Hayabusa wins.  
KO. Gen Fu wins.  
(PEOPLE CHATTERING)  
(MAN GROANS)  
(SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE)  
(THUNDER RUMBLING)  
Princess Kasumi, sister of Hayate.  
It is an honor to meet you.  
I came to find my brother.  
I have been told he died last year at DOA.  
I want to know what happened.  
Your brother was a great and noble fighter.  
He met his end with dignity.  
Hayate was matched against Leon.  
Hayate fell from this very balcony.  
We never found his body.  
I hope you would choose to stay with us  
at the tournament  
and fight in the same spirit  
that made your brother so great.  
You will win DOA.  
You're the best in the world.  
Thank you, little sister.  
When I leave, I will be a shinobi.  
But I must accept this challenge.



- I wish I could go with you.

- No.

You have to stay and lead the clan.

Farewell, Kasumi.

Hayabusa will protect you.

Hayabusa, why do you invade  
my privacy this way?

- She is here.

- I know. I have seen her.

I beg you once again, Princess.

Go home. Ask for forgiveness.

You have a responsibility to your people.

But I also have a responsibility  
to my brother.

Donavan is lying. He says Leon  
killed Hayate above the Buddha head.

- Why would he lie?

- I am convinced he is hiding the truth.

What do you propose to do?

Find my brother.

Then I will help you.

Hayate was like a brother to me, too.

Be careful, Kasumi.

- I knew you'd miss me.

- That's presumptuous.

No, it's Perrier Jouet Belle Epoch '88.

Your favorite.

So how did you survive the first round?

I feigned an injury so Zack went through.

You know I set you up in Hong Kong  
on purpose.

You'd never have come here  
if you'd gotten away with all that money.

And you wouldn't have been invited to DOA  
without demolishing the pride  
of the Hong Kong police.

Don't tell me you want me to help you  
steal the \$10 million prize money.

Try \$100 million.

Just waiting for us in a vault on the island.

What's the catch?

Well, we have to find the vault  
and we have to crack the code. The usual.

- Shall I tell you more?

- Later.

Right now I'd prefer you do something else with your mouth.

Well, well, well.

Don't you just love this place?

Know what I especially love?

The view.

- Want some?

- I'll pass.

- It's been quite a day, sir.

- I want to see Kasumi in action.

Her data is stronger than I expected.

Let's match her against Leon.

Leon? That's harsh.

Now that she's decided to stay,

let's see how she compares to her brother.

All right.

(BEEPING)

Before I take your life,

will you repent for leaving the clan?

My only goal is to find out

what happened to my brother.

(KNOCKING AT DOOR)

Leon.

Room service.

You want to play, little girl?

So, according to my source,

Helena is the key.

Helena is the key?

(CHUCKLES)

- I felt the earth move.

- Yeah, that's the desired effect.

No, really, I felt the earth move.

Come on, loosen up.

You're way too beautiful to be this tense.

Maybe a little quality time with Zack

will loosen you up.

You couldn't have killed my brother.

Close your eyes.

- Keep them closed.

- Okay.

- You're wearing way too much clothing.

- Hey, now.

Come to daddy. Lay it on me.

Oh, shit!

Tina!

**DONOVAN:**

Kasumi lives up to her brother's reputation.

One quarter final spot left.

Looks like a father-daughter  
grudge match. Yeah.

Thanks for letting me sleep here.

My room is an absolute wreck.

Tina! It's show time!

Dad! Not now. I'm in my underwear.

Which I hate.

Why you can't just sleep in the nude  
like me, I'll never know.

- Oh, my God.

- No. Dad, she's just another fighter.

- We're just sleeping together.

- Yeah, I can see that.

No, no. I mean, we're not sleeping together,  
we're just sleeping.

It seems to be like my baby girl's found  
herself a special friend.

We'll settle up tomorrow, sweetie.

Nice to meet you, miss.

Oh, it's Christie.

- Tina's real name is Christina.

- Dad!

Thanks a lot, bitch.

Save your strength, sweetheart.

Big day tomorrow fighting Daddy.

Dr. Donovan, you should take a look at this.

Have you seen this Max character?

A DOA fighter. Yeah, right.

This guy's a total fake.

We should kick him off the island.

You're just worried this phony's  
making the moves on your dream girl.

I can have him removed from DOA island,  
or I can have some fun.

- Punch up Bayman.

- Good call, sir.

Hey, buddy, your time's up.

You know, that was an accident. I...

Wow.

I had the worst sleep ever last night.  
Christie kept stealing all the blankets.

You know, are you sure  
this is such a good idea?

Because those things look really sharp.  
Acupuncture has many medicinal qualities.  
But in a ninja's hands, it can be lethal.  
That actually feels better.

Tina!

Careful, baby.

Sweetie? I've come at a bad time again,  
haven't I?

- Does Christie know about you two?

- Dad!

You know what?

Let's just go ahead and get this over with.  
My raft, my rules.

Whoever falls in the water first loses.  
Fair enough, Tina.

- No! Dad, you bit me!

- Sorry. Old wrestling reflex.

Dad, you have to understand.

I'm here to prove that I'm not a fake.  
Even if that means I have to hurt you.  
Nice try, sweetie.

Dad, you're not taking this seriously.

Yes!

Yeah!

(PEOPLE CHATTERING)

**HELENA:**

**MAX:**

- Stop it.

- Trust me.

(MOANING)

(CLICKING)

I have a question.

Do you do squats?

Sorry. Just slipped right out of my hands.

- We're playing volleyball, you want in?

- Yeah, let's play.

If you must know, I was working.

"Working it" seemed a better description.  
Helena and I take on all comers!  
Hey, Kasumi, come on,  
let's go kick some ass.  
I just hope you're better at volleyball  
than you are at seduction.  
Fifty says that Tina  
gets her little ass stomped.  
You know, on second thought, why don't we  
just go ahead and make it a whole dollar?  
Hayabusa, are you all right?  
Yeah.  
Do you think you can manage  
to keep them occupied?  
I'd like to explore his lab.  
Search for signs of Hayate.  
I can try.  
Hey, Kasumi, come on!  
Party people gather around!  
I hope you're enjoying the fun in the sun,  
but before the day is done  
we got some hot action.  
Just in time.  
Now without further ado,  
let's get this game started for all of you!  
DOA style! Bring it on!  
First to five wins, folks.  
Oh! This action is hot!  
(SNAPS OPEN)  
(WEATHERBY LAUGHING)  
Yeah.  
Oh, Christie with a monster smash!  
You go, girl.  
Yes! Kasumi and Tina  
making a comeback with that shot.  
I must go.  
(BEEPING)  
(BIRDS CHIRPING)  
Ayane, I don't want to fight you!  
You are a shinobi.  
So was Hayate when he came here,  
yet you did not pursue him.  
Hayate was different.  
Because you loved him?

Hayate is in both our hearts.  
Help me find out what happened to him.  
He's dead. Prepare to join him.  
Kasumi! Kasumi!  
(PEOPLE CHATTERING)  
The tattoo she has  
is on her lower back, right?  
Well, I've just deciphered it  
and it means "Helena". Get it?  
- Helena is the key. Helena must be the code.  
- Max, it's brilliant.  
Except she had it done last year in Paris.  
She's been showing it off to us.  
- I'm Weatherby.  
- What are you doing?  
I work in the lab. I'm Weatherby.  
- Helena.  
- I know.  
Would you like another drink?  
I'll get you another drink.  
- I'll get you another drink, yeah.  
- Thanks, Wellington.  
Actually, it's Weatherby.  
It's a pretty funny story.  
My grandfather came over with his horse...  
- Hey, Wallaby!  
- Yes?  
What are you doing?  
My grandfather came over...  
Hey, baby, come on, loosen up. It's a party.  
Come on, you know  
you want to dance with me.  
Well, see, I'd love to.  
But I don't know how good you're gonna be  
on the dance floor with two broken legs.  
So, what, you're just gonna ruin  
this party for everybody?  
Fine. Sunrise tomorrow morning.  
- Forbidden Square?  
- Fine.  
(CLICKS)  
You wanna play?  
(BIRDS CHIRPING)  
(PANTING)

Boy, am I sorry I messed with you so much.  
From now on, I tell you,  
my money is on you to win.  
I appreciate that.  
Our nanobots were working overtime  
on that fight, but you were right about Tina.  
I have to say I did not see it coming.  
That leaves a showdown  
between Helena and Christie.  
And who's your favorite to win,  
Mr. Weatherby?  
My money's on Helena. She rocks.  
You were right.  
She does have another tattoo.  
First I want a deal.  
- Okay.  
- I want half.  
And if I win, I get to keep the prize money.  
Of course.  
Let me show you something.  
Very smart.  
- The vault's in the Buddha head.  
- So now we just need to find a way in.

**TINA:**

But where's Hayabusa?  
- I haven't seen him since yesterday.  
- Well, let's go find him.  
- No. I go alone.  
- Well, I'm gonna come, too.  
- I said no. He means nothing to you.  
- Well, now, that's not entirely true.  
- You know, he and I...  
- You mean...  
Just once. He was so persistent, you know.  
I'm just kidding.  
Come on, Christie.  
Second floor. Follow me.  
Weatherby, take the rest of the day off.  
I've got some unfinished business  
to attend to.  
Holy shit!  
See, when I win the money, this is exactly  
the kind of office I'm gonna build.

I know you.

But why are you facing that way?

**KASUMI :**

**TINA :**

your day job was?

(EXCLAIMS)

That's a lot of steps. My legs are on fire.

- I guess you had a pretty rough day.

- You could say that.

I lost to Christie.

Yeah, I saw that. But it was a close fight.

You almost made it to the semi-finals

of DOA, Helena.

Your father would have been very proud.

- Thanks, Weatherby.

- It's Weatherby, but you don't...

Wow.

This looks homey.

Look at this.

They've been monitoring everything we do.

Bunch of pervs.

**KASUMI :**

Hayabusa. What happened?

(GROANS)

(ALL EXCLAIMS)

Perfect.

I mean, it was amazing. Your father recruited me straight out of college.

I had no idea.

- That's great.

- Your father was a great man.

Helena, there's something I should tell you.

Donovan wanted to take my research into a different direction.

**DONOVAN :**

I can guarantee you.

**DOUGLAS :**

for this purpose.

I want to know what happened...



He and your father got into  
this big argument about it.  
You're not gonna get away  
with this, Donovan.  
Your father was so against this,  
he decided to shut down the whole thing.

- So why didn't he?

- He never got a chance to.

He died that night.

This is Donovan to all units.

Proceed immediately to the Great Steps  
and eliminate Weatherby and Helena.

No one is to enter the lab complex  
for the rest of the day.

And I mean no one.

- What are you gonna do?

- I'm gonna go see Donovan.

My father didn't want him to get away with it  
so neither can I. Come on.

- Well, what do you want me to do?

- Protect me.

That's funny. I was just about  
to make the same suggestion.

(WEATHERBY EXCLAIMS)

What the...

I've got your back, Helena!

That hurt. That didn't feel good.

Whoa! Okay.

Well, I'm never gonna mess with you.

Never?

Well, maybe in a controlled environment.

**HELENA:**

another way into the lab.

**WEATHERBY:**

Come on.

Princess!

(DOOR OPENING)

Now that I have your attention,  
let me introduce you to the future.

This is amazing. I can't believe  
my father never told me about this.

Well, I'm afraid that's not

the only thing you don't know.

Donovan has taken my concept  
and used it for his own ends.

So stupid.

I should have done something earlier.

Now it's time to harvest.

(BEEPING)

(ALARM SOUNDING)

Okay, now what?

Donovan has begun the download.

We got to go!

- Do you think it will really work?

- Of course! I created it!

Look.

- Help them.

- I'm on it. I'm on it.

Come on. Come on.

I've got to bypass  
four security protocols to free them.

Not easy.

Now for the ultimate test.

The moment I've had to wait a year for.

I've kept him in superb fighting condition.

Send him in.

(GASPS)

Hayate! My brother.

- Hayate.

- Kasumi.

Kasumi!

Kasumi, I was afraid  
you would come looking for me.

Hayabusa.

How could you let this happen?

- Your sister has the same strong will as you.

- Yes, she does.

But she lacks that perfect blend of skills,  
timing and strength  
that set you apart  
as the world's greatest warrior.

You have me. Let them go.

First things first. I challenge you to a fight.

You win, they all go free.

If you refuse my simple request, they die.

Your choice.

So be it.

Hayate!

- No!

- Hayate!

Ayane.

I thought you were dead.

I will never leave your side.

- Come on.

- We're almost there.

Buyers from around the world,

I hope you've enjoyed

this live demonstration

of the sheer power of this new technology.

Thank you for your down payments.

Transmission to you of the download

program will begin immediately.

- What's going on?

- Oh, no.

- This is not good.

- What's not good?

Donovan's transmitting the program

to buyers across the world.

I have to stop him.

What?

That was close.

Okay, time to call the cavalry.

Donovan needs to know this is over.

(SIGHS)

What now?

Bayman, grab the money from the vault.

Meet me outside the lab.

Look! He's headed this way.

I need more time to free the others.

Show me the money.

Oh, no, no, listen. I can explain. Look, just...

You're not gonna get away

with this, Donovan.

That's exactly what your father said

right before I had him killed.

What a shame.

You didn't download my moves.

I think I underestimated you, Helena.

You believe the CIA will stop me?

I don't think so.

I'll take this. All your hard work right here.  
By the time they get here,  
this place will be dust.

**COMPUTER:**

Self destruct activated.  
Enjoy your life with your new girlfriend.  
All three minutes of it.  
Warning. Self destruct activated.  
Please evacuate immediately.  
Follow me.  
Warning. Self destruct activated.  
Please evacuate immediately.  
(WEATHERBY GROANING)  
Warning. Self destruct activated.  
Please evacuate immediately.  
Take care of this.  
Come on. Follow me.  
Donovan's getting away.  
Please evacuate immediately.  
Go! I'll handle him.  
Warning. Two minutes.  
Oh, no.

**DONOVAN:**

**CHRISTIE:**

Warning. Self destruct in...  
(CLANGING)  
Come on. We got to get out of here.  
Oh, no.  
Some thief you are!  
The lab is gonna explode!  
- Forget the money!  
- No, I'm not leaving the money.  
- We got to go now!  
- No!  
(ALARM BLARING)  
Ten seconds! Oh, no.  
- Oh, my God. Max. The money.  
- Weatherby.  
Get out of here! It's gonna blow!  
- Come on. There's another way out.  
- We gotta go now!

- **MAX:**

- Get in. It leads to the ocean.
  - Wallaby, the money. The money!
  - This whole place is gonna explode!
  - Let's go!
  - Come on, let's go!
  - Forget the money.
  - I don't swim!
- Go! Go!

**WEATHERBY:**

**CHRISTIE:**

(SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

No.

(MOTOR REVVING)

- Hey!

- **HELENA:**

- What about the money?
  - Well, it was either me or the money.
  - And Wallaby chose me.
  - My name is Weatherby. Weatherby.
- Oh, for God's sakes, get a room!  
Don't you think that guy  
in the second row is cute?  
Is there a guy in this world  
you don't have a crush on?  
You can have him,  
but what about the other 300?  
Why don't we just split them up evenly?