

Hard Quiz

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“How old are you, Eleanor?”

“98.”

“Amazing,” says the doctor as though it’s never happened before. Eleanor wonders when hospital doctors started qualifying at fifteen.

“What year were you born?”

“1928.”

With all this practice answering questions about herself Eleanor thinks she should go on her favourite television show, *Hard Quiz*. Her specialist subject, Herself.

“First question, Eleanor - how old are you?”

“98!”

“That’s correct.” (Audience claps wildly).

“What’s your secret to living to 98?”

“Not dying.” (Audience erupts).

He couldn’t swear to it but he’s sure he hears as he walks away from Eleanor “Thanks for playing, HARD.”