# Taking a Nap with a Professional Cuddler

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# Summary:

It's your first time visiting this place which advertises itself as a "comfort salon", offering various services designed to make its patrons comfy and relaxed. You're greeted by one of the employees, a sweet neko girl who's more than happy to talk to you about the offerings, and she soon convinces you to try a cuddling session. So now, you have the opportunity to cuddle and nap with this very soft and cuddly neko, and she seems more than happy to oblige.

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#### **\*** Editing:

Small changes to the scripts are okay, but please ask before making any major line changes, additions, deletions, gender swaps, etc. Vocal cues and sound effects are suggestions, so feel free to be creative with those!

#### Other notes:

I find it easier to write the listener's dialogue rather than keep track of half of a conversation, so their lines are given for context but aren't meant to be voiced. The word counts given only include the spoken text.

#### **Characters:**

Akalia (speaker) — A neko girl who works at the "comfort salon". She's generally calm and professional, but also has a warm and friendly demeanour. She was a customer for a long time before starting to work here, so she's genuinely excited about her job and what the salon is able to do for its patrons. She's very fond of the cuddling services they offer, and her positive review of them is enough to convince the listener, but she never wants to

force the listener into anything, offering to schedule an appointment for any of the currently available services, or being very clear about boundaries and expectations, etc.

• unnamed listener — A human who is visiting the comfort salon where Akalia (and several others) work for the first time. They're unfamiliar with the offered services and accordingly a little bit hesitant, but they're curious and open-minded, receptive to Akalia's explanations. They're generally easy-going and accommodating, calm and respectful.

# **Formatting Guide:**

spoken text (Akalia)

(tone marker)

[...] = a short pause

[This is a stage direction and/or SFX.]

« example listener dialogue, not intended to be voiced »

[The comfort salon, "Aura of Serenity", afternoon. Akalia stands at the front counter as the listener walks in, the door knocking a small bell as they enter.]

(warmly) Ah, hi there! Welcome to Aura of Serenity. My name is Akalia. Do you have an appointment with us today, dear?

« (slightly timidly) No, I don't have one. »

No? That's perfectly alright. We have an open slot for walk-ins right now, if that's what you're looking for, or were you here for something else?

« I think a walk-in would be good, thanks. »

Sounds good. And which of our services would you like today?

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny $w$}}}$  (a bit embarrassed) I'm not sure. It's my first time here, and I don't really know what you have.  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny $w$}}}$ 

A new patron, hm? Well, welcome. We're always happy to see newcomers, and you really don't need to be nervous or embarrassed about anything. I hope we can find something for you and provide you with the best of experiences.

May I ask how you found out about us, or what encouraged you to come here?

« A friend of mine recommended it. »

(giggling) A good friend you've got there, if I may say so. They seem to care about you.

But Aura of Serenity is what we call a "comfort salon". We offer services that are designed to bring comfort and relaxation to our patrons, to provide a safe space to escape the stresses of the world and to get—as I said—nice and comfy. How's that sound?

« That sounds really nice, actually. »

I'm glad you like the idea. Would you like me to list our various services here?

« Um... If it's not too much trouble, that would help. »

Nn, it's no trouble at all. But since you are doing a walk-in session, there are a few limitations based on who is and isn't working at the moment.

But don't worry: if you're interested in services that we can't offer this time, I'd be happy to schedule an appointment for you. Does that work for you, dear?

« Yeah, that sounds great. Thanks. »

Alright then... we offer head or body massages, an ambient serenity room, aromatherapy, acupuncture, manicures and pedicures, and my favourite: cuddling. We wouldn't be able to offer acupuncture for you today as Anna isn't in today, and Lindsey is already booked with massage appointments for the next couple of hours, unfortunately.

But... do any of the other ones catch your attention?

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« If I may ask, why is cuddling your favourite? »
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Well, I think they're all nice—(slyly) and not just because I'm paid to say that... Rather, I was a customer long before I started working here—but I like cuddling because it's just really nice and warm and cosy, and I really feel a sort of connection with the other person.

The other services are great for making me feel comfy and relaxed, and I really like the serenity room with the soft sound of flowing water and such, but cuddling is also great for making me feel less alone.

(tentatively) Though, I'll admit that not everyone likes that sort of physical intimacy, especially with a stranger, and even those who do like it don't always want to be touched. And both of those are perfectly fine.

(giggling) And as a neko, it's hard for me to turn down an opportunity for a good cat nap, and having the warmth of someone else there is nice.

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« That sounds really nice, actually. »
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Mm. Not all of our patrons do fall asleep during cuddling sessions, of course, but it's quite satisfying to see them get that relaxed when it happens.

(after a moment, slightly embarrassed) S-Sorry if I've rambled too much. But hopefully that answers your question a bit?

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« It does, yeah. Thanks. »
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(relieved) **Ah**, **good**.

Is there anything I can set up for you today?

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« Is it just those two services you don't have available right now? »
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Yes. I regrettably can't offer acupuncture and massages right this moment, though I can set up an appointment for you for either of those, if you'd like. I'd have to check to be sure, but there should be open slots for both of those tomorrow. But yes, the other services are available right now, and I or the other girl available this afternoon would be happy to get you started on any of those.

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« Could I do a cuddling session? »
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(brightly) A cuddling session, you say? Yeah, of course we can do one of those for you.

[Akalia slides a leaflset onto the counter which shows information about the service offerings, including durations and prices.]

For cuddling, we offer sessions in thirty minute increments up to two hours, and in one hour increments past that, up to a maximum of six hours. We also offer cuddling sessions with two of our staff members, though we unfortunately don't have two available staff this afternoon. But again, I'd be happy to set you up with an appointment for that.

Either way, if you look at this leaflet here, you can see the prices for all of those options, as well as information and pricing for our other services.

« I have a question about the cuddling sessions, if that's okay. »

Hm? Of course. Ask away.

« You said some of the patrons fall asleep during the sessions? »

Mhm. (contemplating) Maybe... half of the patrons end up falling asleep, which goes up for the longer sessions, of course.

(giggling) Anything longer than the 30 minute one, I'm pretty much guaranteed to fall asleep.

But we have these silent alarms that we set, and then we'll gently wake you up so you aren't jolted awake by that insufferable blaring of a typical alarm clock.

« Ah, that's rather smart. That sort of abrupt waking up is terrible. »

Exactly! And here, we're trying to make people comfortable and relaxed, so sharply waking you up with a typical alarm would be... at least a bit counterproductive.

But does that help you decide on a length for this session?

« Yeah. Can we do the two-hour session? »

Of course. (slyly) The perfect length for a nap.

[Akalia begins ringing up the session in the computer, and the listener pulls out a credit/debit card.]

I've got this rung in for you. I see you're looking to pay by card, so you'll just need to get through the prompts on the screen there, and then you'll be able to tap or insert your card.

And while you do that, I'm going to bring my coworker up here.

[While the listener pays, Akalia steps away to find her colleague, Nerissa, and bring her to the front, either to take over the front desk or to take the session.]

Alright. Looks like you're all set. Are you comfortable doing the session with me, or would you prefer to do it with Nerissa here? (gently) You won't offend either of us, I promise.

« (awkwardly) I... I don't really have a preference. Either of you is fine. »

(to coworker) Well, in that case, Nerissa, would you be okay with taking over here at the front desk while I take the session?

[Nerissa nods and moves to take over. Akalia begins leading the listener to the cuddle room.]

Thanks.

(to listener) **Alright**, **come with me**.

[After a moment, they reach the room.]

And... here we are. You can go ahead and lay down on the bed.

[The listener does so.]

Would you like me to play any ambient sounds during the session? I could do a fireplace crackling, rain, flowing water... Things like that.

« Yeah, that sounds really nice, actually. Could you do \_\_\_\_\_? »

Of course. Let me set that up for us.

[Akalia turns on the ambient noise of the VA's preference.]

Is the volume okay?

[The listener nods.]

Alright. Is there anything else you need before we start the session?

« No, I'm good. Thanks. »

Okay. Before I join you, since this is your first session with us, I'm required to go over a few short things. (apologetically) Sorry. Just standard protocol, okay?

« Yeah, that's fine. I get it. »

(deep breath, formally) This session is entirely platonic and not sexual in nature. We'll establish touch boundaries in a moment, and all touch must be consensual by both parties. This touch consent extends only during the session, unless revoked sooner by either party. If necessary, either party may choose to terminate the session before the time expires.

Do you have any questions about that?

« No. that all makes sense. »

(normally, gently) Alright. Now, I'm usually the one who takes the cuddling sessions because I genuinely love them and generally like being touched, so I might have looser touch boundaries than some of our other staff—which is perfectly fine, of course.

But for me, anywhere that would normally be covered by underwear is off-limits, including my upper thigh. Gentle and firm touch is okay, but nothing stronger than that. And for my ears and tail, only gentle touch... as they're really sensitive—especially the tips of my ears and the base of my tail. And, of course, I reserve the right to ask you to stop, even if it isn't something I just mentioned.

So... what about you?

[The listener gives their own boundaries in the same vein.]

Got it. (lightly) One last question: Would you like to be big spoon, little spoon, or would you like to face each other?

« (contemplating) ...Can we face each other? »

Mhm. That's my favourite.

[Akalia gets into the bed with the listener, facing them as they nestle together.]

(contentedly, quietly) **This is nice... You're warm...** 

Are you comfortable if I wrap my arms around you and nestle in, like this?

« Mhm. »

(after a moment, gently) You're still all tensed up. Relax... You don't have to be so shy or nervous. You can wrap your arms around me, or pet my ears, or...

(giggling) I'm not going to bite or claw you or anything, you know.

[The listener does so, wrapping their arms around Akalia.]

« (tentatively) Like this? »

(contently) Mm... There you go. Just like that.

(quietly) I know it can feel a little awkward to cuddle with someone for the first time... because there <u>is</u> a sort of intimacy and vulnerability that comes with it.

(annoyed) And since it's often considered a "romantic" thing, it's hard to cuddle with friends because there's an implied "I want to be more than friends" component, even if that's not what you mean... and with something like this, where we offer it as a professional service... (scoffs) well, you'd be surprised with how many times we get compared to prostitutes. It's more than zero.

« (surprised) Really? »

Mhm. [...] But... this is nice, isn't it?

« ...Yeah. »

And it's a shame, you know? Cuddling has been shown to lead to higher levels oxytocin and serotonin, which can reduce stress, provide better sleep, and even strengthen your immune system and reduce pain. It's obviously not a panacea or anything, but... I wish platonic cuddling was less... stigmatised, which is one of the reasons I'm really happy about being able to work here.

(giggling) And not just because I'm a very cuddly neko, of course.

[After a moment, the listener begins tentatively scratching Akalia's ears.]

« Is this okay? I know you said your ears were sensitive, so... »

Nn, you're good. It's been a while since anyone has pet my ears like that. It feels really nice, and makes my whole body feel all tingly...

May I wrap my tail around your leg, like this?

[Akalia starts to wrap her tail around the listener's leg.]

« Um... It's a bit tight... »

(apologetically) **Not so tight? Got it. I'm sorry.** 

[She loosens her tail. After a moment, Akalia begins to purr noticeably against the listener's chest.]

« (warmly) Are... Are you purring? »

[Akalia stops purring, embarrassed.]

(slightly embarrassed) Does... Does the purring bother you? I hadn't actually realised I was doing it, sorry.

« No, not at all. It's comforting, actually. »

You think so? I can't necessarily purr on command, but if you like it, then... (giggling) I won't hold it back at least.

« Yeah, there's no need to hold back. It's nice. »

Alright. Is there anything else you'd like me to do... or not do?

« (contemplates a moment) No...? I can't think of anything off-hand. This is really comfortable. »

(lightly) I'm glad you're comfortable.

(yawns) I have the silent alarm set, so there's no need to worry about any of that. You're more than welcome to take a nap too, and I'll be here the whole time with you, okay? I'll wake you up gently at the end of the session, and I'm sure you'll feel nice and refreshed.

« That sounds like a great plan. »

Sounds good. Good night, then.

[With that, the two snuggle in and begin to fall asleep together. After a moment, Akalia begins to purr again, and her purring and the ambient noise continue for a few moments before the audio fades out.]