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Thank you for attending our casting call. This audition is being held in a “cold read” format. We ask that you select one of the monologues below and be prepared to perform it when called upon. It is highly preferred that this paper is not read from during your performance.

MALE MONOLOGUES

“Yeah, that’s right, I have dreams. Big dreams! The go all in, run away from home, if you miss the moon wind up among the stars type. I don’t talk about’em though. See everyone likes to say you can be anything your heart desires. Yet, the moment they catch you working for it, pursuing those dreams, well they tear you down man. They rip you to pieces. No one wants to see you succeed. They’re all little lemmings working their 9 to 5 just waiting in line to jump off a cliff. Sure, they’ll talk about their bullshit goals and ambitions, but that’s all it ever is, talk. If they actually see someone get out of line and go a different route it scares the shit out of’em.”

“You just gotta let things go bro. Now I ain’t been in your shoes so I’m not trying to say it’s easy. What I’d do is just get really, really high, like when your waffles start talking to you during breakfast and telling you if they’d rather have syrup or jam on them. Which honestly really helps me out on a tough decision some mornings. But wait, you don’t gotta get high, you might be one of those spiritual types that get their release from yoga by bending over so far you see your own ass’s perspective on life. Whatever you do you just gotta find your release, like a straight facial to the eye of misery.”

“Being the family favorite is easy. All you gotta do is whatever they say. Get good grades, get a degree, marry someone that’s whatever religion your mom says you are, white picket fence type shit. But being the black sheep? Now that shits hard work. You actually have to have the balls to do your own thing while everyone hates you for it. It’s like this one time we went to a steakhouse and I ordered a wet burrito. Everyone was like you don’t order a wet burrito at a steakhouse. But that shit was on the menu and I wanted a damn burrito. The fucked up part is I can’t remember if the burrito was really that good or if I just enjoyed it because everyone was mad at me for ordering it.”

FEMALE MONOLOGUES

“Just because I’m a woman doesn’t mean I don’t like talking about sex. The problem is if I’m in a movie all women ever get to talk about is the other men in the movie. So even if I was to talk about sex it would have to be about sex with the other guys in the film. Maybe I’ll do something completely irrational and talk about masturbation; I like to get myself off. I’d talk about sex with other women but anymore that’s so damn cliché. It’s like after Ellen got a TV show everyone became carpet munchers. You weren’t cool anymore if you didn’t play softball on the weekends and complain about how all men are worthless. Turns out not all men are assholes and some of us really are bitches but if you admit that you lose your vagina card... You know, I really don’t remember where I was going with all of this.”

“Studying is hard and boring. Teaching is hard and boring. So, what you’re telling me is to be bored, and then bored, and finally bored again, but this time for the rest of my life? This whole stupid country is bored! There’s no life in it, or color, or fun! It’s probably just as well the Russians are going to drop a nuclear bomb on us any day now. So my choice is to do something hard and boring, or to marry my... Jew, and go to Paris and Rome and listen to jazz, and read, and eat good food in nice restaurants, and have fun! It’s not enough to educate us anymore Ms. Walters. You’ve got to tell us why you’re doing it.”

“There’s only two types of sex. The great, passionate sex you have with some European guy you just met; Greek, French, Italian, it doesn’t really matter as long as he has an accent. The underemployed immigrant type that you know there’s no future with. Or worse, the rich type that isn’t going to bring some American mutt back to his purebred mother who’s trying to protect her holier than thou bloodline. Then there’s the get something sex. The kind where you just lay on the couch with him on top of you like you’re some extension of the furniture that just so happens to talk.”

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