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HUMOROUS / DRAMATIC / MONOLOGUE

1. Act II Scene II by Kindra Campbell

A director faces the most difficult challenges of the trade as the show is set to open in under twenty hours and the actors are not yet ready. As various characters enter the scene, the audience is shown the director's reactions to each of them as they only seem to complicate matters. A Prima Donna, a mother-figure, a kleptomaniac, an idolater and a child actor together create a situation that makes the audience wonder if the director will ever be able to put the show together in time.

7 – 10 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

2. Bailey by Ed Vela

Bailey was born for one purpose and one purpose only, to save a crumbling marriage. Unfortunately, Bailey's birth did not save the marriage; in fact, it only made matters worse, for Bailey that is. Bailey is not happy to learn of the divorce, Mother's subsequent re-marriage plans, and a relocation that will send Bailey across the country to a boarding school. Just how all this affects Bailey is examined in this three voice monologue as the story is told by Mom, Dad, and Bailey, all expressing their unique points of view on the situation.

10-12 min, M or F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

3. Beauty Sleep by Meghan C. Hakes

What happens after the fairytale ends? Some ride off into the sunset, some live happily ever after, but for Sleeping Beauty it's a different story. She has gone into business for herself! Marketing her new product 'Beauty Sleep', she charms and bullies us through her presentation.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

4. The Bone Business by Dee Cliburn

When Papa Klute stole a child for Miss Etta, he thought he had a boy. As it turned out, he had a girl. They called her "Leon" anyway. Now Papa Klute has to teach Leon about their grave-robbing business. He'd bring the bones home and Leon would wash them—big bones in the big bucket, little bones and pearly white teeth in the little bucket. But now this week the Med School announced that they want thigh bones, too. This dramatic will certainly chill the audience to the bone.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

5. Breaking Up Texting Style by Ed Vela

Zanetta is the type of girl that is well acquainted with boyfriends and breakups, but has trouble coping with the more tech savvy world of relationships as she struggles with her latest BF's rejection in this hilarious monologue that shows a wide emotional range for the actress and offers an alternate ending. Props may be used or pantomimed by the performer.

8-10 min. Cut as needed. \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

6. Cutters by Meghan C. Hakes

This intense drama, was originally a readers theater, however it would make an excellent dramatic. The characters bring the audience into the very thoughts and feelings of those who cut themselves. Their reasons may vary, but their pain is the same. A script best suited for mature actors and audiences.

12-15 min. Cut as needed. \$10.00 (price includes 1 script)

7. Delaila by Meghan C. Hakes

Bearing the marks of a childhood trauma, we follow Delaila as she battles the demons of multiple personality disorder in her adult life. She comes home to find her husband has cheated on her, on their anniversary, with her co-worker, and playing on the radio is a song that brings back terrible memories for her. Great for the actress who can capture several personalities.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

8. Flight 212 to L.A. by D'Arcy Robb

All she wants to do is catch flight 212 to Los Angeles. But as our heroine attempts to make her way through a crowded international airport, a cast of obnoxious strangers – a way-too-friendly security agent, a panicked fearful flyer, an Elvis impersonator and more – seem determined to attach themselves to her! This script may be performed as a humorous, duet, readers theatre or short play. As a duet, this piece allows one actor to play the long-suffering “straight” character and the other to embody a roster of comic characters. If performed as a larger-cast production, speaking roles are available for up to eight actors. All roles may be performed by actors of either gender.

10-12 min. (cut as needed) M or F \$10.00 (copy as needed)

9. Free at Last by Dee Cliburn

This dramatic takes the audience to a world filled with guilt and isolation. The man's wife is dead, but her eyes refuse to leave. Can guilt lead to insanity? When will he be free, free at last? Powerful dramatic full of remorse and suspense.

7-10 min, 1M or F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

10. Gloves for a Princess by Charlotte Jones

In this dramatic, a homeless woman brings the audience to her world filled with royalty and sadness. She shares her turmoil against her losing battle with reality and any hope of a normal life. Her fantasies shield her from the harshness of the streets.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

11. I Love You Mommy by Kindra Campbell

This dramatic is told from the point of view of Lucy, a 7-year-old girl who doesn't really understand what is happening to her life. She is exposed to her mother's drugs and alcohol but isn't sure what they are or why they make her mother act so differently.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

12. In Control by Marla Crowe

This is a dramatic for a male that goes from being in control of every aspect of his life to being able to control nothing. One tragic mistake can change your life forever.

7-10 min, M \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

13. It's an Online Life for Us by Patrick Bates

Stuck living in his mother's basement; a young man spends his days with his internet friends and sharing his mundane life with mom. Eventually his mother figures out a way to get her deadbeat boy out of the house and off on his first face-to-face date ever.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

14. Letter of Release by Kevin Paris

The trauma of his childhood effects Jake as he enters adulthood and finds that he has difficulty establishing intimate relationships. Always curious about his absent father, Jake often wonders what made the man he calls Roger the way he is. During his annual summer trip to his grandmother's house, she encourages Jake to write his father a letter. Resolution and restoration are found in the exchange of a single letter between two strangers.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. \$6.50

15. My Life in Babysitters by D'Arcy Robb

It's the easiest babysitting job on the planet: watching one smart, well-behaved, adult-like child named David. But somehow, the family winds up with a string of dysfunctional babysitters, from strength trainer Greta to method actress Elena to date-crazy Jessica – and David winds up learning quite a few hilarious, bizarre lessons from them. This script can be performed in a variety of ways from a humorous interp., duet, readers theatre or short play (1M, 4 F) My Life in Babysitters provides great opportunities for a strong comic actors to embody different roles.

10-12 min (cut as needed) M or F \$10.00 (copy as needed)

16. My Name is Amy by Kindra Campbell

A babysitter's worst fear comes to life. Amy is watching Charlie, a 4 year old and when she awakes to find him missing, she searches frantically for him. It appears that Charlie has gone into the snowy woods behind his house and Amy can only hope that she finds him in time.

7 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

17. Number 223 by Marla Crowe

This dramatic monologue is about the struggle and agony that one must endure while waiting for their number to come up on the transplant list. Twin sisters share a need for new hearts. They discover that the bond they share as sisters is stronger than the hearts they have and that choices big or small must be made with care and sacrifice.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

18. P.E. Not Physical Education, Petrifying Experience by Nancy J. Cavanaugh

Sheila is horrified to find out that her middle school P.E. class requires, not only changing into ugly gym uniforms in front of all the other girls, but also taking a showers. In this monologue she describes her first gym-class shower which turns out to be humiliating enough to qualify her for the Guinness Book of World Records Most Embarrassing Moments. Listening to Sheila's unfortunate episode in the locker room is sure to make audiences laugh, and maybe even groan a little too.

5-7 min, 1F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

19. Removing the Hat by Luke Morgan

Throughout human history, people with red hair have been looked down upon, teased, and persecuted. "Removing the Hat" is a hyperbolic look at that tribulation through the eyes of Luke, told in a series of vignettes with doctors, bullies, inept school counselors, and unforgiving parents. At the end of the day, is being an endangered species all it's cracked up to be? This piece is most

effective if the performing actor has red hair, poor thing. This script may be performed as a humorous, duet, readers theatre or short play.

7-10 min. M or F \$10.00 (copy as needed)

20. She Looks Good by Charlotte Jones

In this dramatic monologue, a teen recounts how her obsession with her looks develops into a struggle with anorexia. Toward the end, she comes to grips with the fact that she is attending her own funeral.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

21. Special Request by Patrick Bates

A young performer uses her acting skills while waiting tables to land a role of a lifetime.

10 – 12 min. (cut as needed), F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

22. Spot Up on Miss Parkinson by Patrick Bates

Miss Parkinson, 24, is a first year teacher speaking on the bus after taking her theater students on HER first field trip. They have just watched a community college production on a well-known play and Miss Parkinson attempts to impart her love and knowledge of the theater to her students. She feels the need to express her full range of characters and acting abilities to her "captive" audience.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

23. Trips to Wal-mart by Debbie Cavanaugh

This dramatic yet humorous monologue is the story of a girl who must face her family duty of helping her Grandmother. The character's resentment of being forced to drive her Grandmother to the store transforms when her Grandmother collapsed and has a stroke. The girl must face herself and the way she treated her Grandmother. The dramatic conclusion is bittersweet. She evolves as a person, yet isn't allowed to make amends with her Grandmother.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

24. Wild Things by Dee Cliburn

Angel, short for Angelina Margaret, is a teenager whose life has moved too fast, with a fisherman father who is gone, now -- took her little brother with him. "You can't have 'em both, was what he yelled when he took Joey and left." What's the use of a girl? Angel thinks her mother cannot cope, even with her drugs. "Get up, Mama, I'll buy you a pretty pink dress with glass buttons all the way

down the front, if you'll just get up." If only the solution was so simple.

7-10 min, F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

25. 4 Senses by Stephanie Christensen

Alexander Vassenberg is a renowned chef who works in a French restaurant in Brussels. However, he is unique in his profession because he cannot see. A blind chef, he shares his passion for the culinary arts as he leads guests on a tour through the restaurant where he works. As he introduces them into his world, he is forced to resurface some of the trauma and pain of his own past and recognize that healing is a long, brave process.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. M, \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

26. Cardboard Signs by Linda Kao

You never realize how far you can fall until the drop begins. In this monologue, the young narrator struggles to decide what to write on the sign she will hold as she begs. How much truth do you tell? She recounts the changes in her life that made leaving home the only answer. In spite of her circumstances, she remains strong, uncertain of the future but ready to face tomorrow.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

27. Chains by Stephanie Christensen

The United States currently has the second highest incarceration rate in the world. Each day U.S. prisons get fuller. A huge contributor to this high incarceration rate is the stringent laws against drug possession. Centering around Alexandra Drake, an up-and-coming novel writer, this Dramatic explores the United States justice system and how its merciless policies create the prison system we see today. With the story of Alexandra Drake, the stereotypical image of a “criminal” gets painted in a unique, more personal, and more tragic light.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

28. Collarbone by Stephanie Christensen

Rosanella Moretti grew up with a love of food, especially because of its strong connection to her Italian roots. But with the words of her older brother haunting her, Rosanella shuns her own skin and develops an eating disorder. She diminishes her own self-worth to the visibility of her collarbones. This Dramatic explores the impact that words can have on someone, especially words coming from family. Full of honesty, this script demonstrates how bullying can double down on one’s negative self-perceptions, and exposes the pressures that the world puts on women to be skinny, even at a young age.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. F \$6.50 (price includes one script)

29. Every Morning I Wake Up by Pamela Love

“Every morning I wake up and bury people who didn’t.” A worldwide plague has struck, yet life goes on. Told from the perspective of a freelance gravedigger, facing survivor’s guilt and the very real possibility of being the next to die.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. M \$6.50 (price includes one script)

30. Gnome is where the Heart Is by Nate Sand

The humorous story of Hans, a gnome, who figures out that he was adopted by gargoyles and his subsequent adventure to find his ‘true’ family. Along the way he discovers he was with his ‘true’ family all the long.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$10.00 (Copy as needed)

31. I, Mom by Matt Mills

Sarah’s mother has been acting strangely recently, leading Sarah to the only sensible conclusion: her mom’s a robot who’s infiltrated their home in order to ruin her life. But when Sarah attempts to prove to the world her mother’s bionic nature, the truth she discovers is even more extraordinary than she had imagined.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$10.00 (Copy as needed)

32. Joe of the Jungle by Matt Mills

A family gets a surprise visit from their new adopted son. However, the biggest surprise is that their son is a jungle-boy with no familiarity with their world. They have to manage the culture shock while also welcoming him into their family.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$12.00 (Copy as needed)

33. Losing America by Stephanie Christensen

In this humorous interpretation, young Arianna plays the role of an overzealous, politics-loving 18 year old finally earning the right to vote in the U.S. election. She expertly combats the skepticism and negativity of her prejudiced mother and lazy brother and refuses to give up on the theory of democracy. A political and social commentary on the state of the United States, this humor both pokes fun at America and shares the message to fight for what the country should be about—equality and compassion.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. F \$10.00 (Copy as needed)

34. Monologue 150 by Matt Fox

A monologue by an unnamed British girl. The day of the monologue is the day she has reached 150 in a mysterious countdown, the nature of which is unknown at the start of the piece. As the monologue goes on, the audience is slowly informed that she is sitting in a Texan prison on death row. Through the monologue she reveals what she did to warrant this situation and the true nature of her character. 150 being the number of days she has left until her execution.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

35. Murder on the Organ Express by Louis Sand

Private Eye investigates the disappearance of Appendix in this humorous murder mystery starring bodily organs.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$10.00 (Copy as needed)

36. My Father's Cello by K.D. Jones

Music is a language unlike any other. For Kara, it's the language she uses to talk to her deceased father with. After her father's death Kara goes very quickly from an eccentric little girl to an introverted teenager. She overcomes poverty, an alcoholic step-father, and her father's death with the help of her father's cello.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. F \$ 6.50 (Copy as needed)

37. My New Normal by Adam Brander

Sam, an emotional, naive high school student, confides a deep, dark secret in his best friend who then goes and tells everyone at school what Sam is hiding. In this monologue, Sam discovers that his whole life will be changing very quickly and he will soon have to find his 'New Normal.'

7-10 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

38. Rock Bottom by Adam Brander

TITUS is a young man who has been going through hard times. He finds himself on a park bench trying to drink his troubles away when the ANGEL OF DEATH appears before him. In this monologue, TITUS speaks to the ANGEL trying to convince him that he is not yet ready for death. In doing so, TITUS realizes just how awful his behavior has been. Will the ANGEL take Titus? Or will a second chance be given?

7-10 min. Cut as needed. M \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

39. The Night Before by Stephanie Christensen

Younger siblings can lead to all sorts of messes. Sally- the younger sister of recently engaged Sandra- is infamous for her history of scatterbrained buffoonery, but her sister Sandra extends her trust to her anyways. A story of sisterly love, attempted redemption, and a ridiculous bachelorette party: *The Night Before* exemplifies the bond of “family first”. A script best suited for a mature performer and audience.

10- 12 min. Cut as needed. F \$10.00 (Copy as needed)

40. The Normal One by D’Arcy Robb

Annie is a normal teenage girl, but “normal” is the last word anyone would use to describe her brother Elliot. This dramatic monologue peeks into the joy, love, anger, and fear that go along with having a sibling with special needs.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. F \$6.50 (price includes 1 script)

41. The Wrong Kind of Nightmare by Pamela Love

After witnessing the death of a baby, the speaker has spent a year mentally reliving the accident. But whose fault was it? Just out of mind’s reach lies a vital clue. In this dramatic monologue, filled with anger, grief, and finally shock, mysterious dreams hold the key to what really happened.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. F \$6.50

42. Things Changed by Linda Oatman High

Things Changed is a poetic recitation of the lynchings which occurred in the 1950s. Recalling the events that led up to a tragedy that repeated itself much too often throughout America’s history, the poem reflects upon the changes brought to the Civil Rights movement in the past half of a century.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. M \$6.50

43. The Scout Girls Earn a Bigfoot Badge by Matt Mills

A crew of attention-seeking Girl Scouts (who call themselves *The Scout Girls*) break away from their troop in the deep woods and find Bigfoot, but when they get back to camp, the true terror begins. (6 characters, 1 minor character)

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$12.00

44. The Ugly Twin by Sami

After spending her life being compared to her sister, Paige becomes obsessed with being the pretty twin. Will her newfound obsession blind her to what it really means to be a sister? After

spending her life being compared to her sister, Paige becomes obsessed with being the pretty twin. Will her newfound obsession blind her to what it really means to be a sister?

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1F \$7.00

45. Eye See You by Stephanie Christensen

Meet Dr. Modise, a charming young doctor who has devoted the past five years to volunteering on medical missions in Africa. She recounts the life-changing experiences of performing eye surgery and restoring dozens of people with the gift of sight to the audience, who takes the place of a gaggle of medical students, providing this dramatic monologue with a fun interactive element. As Dr. Modise recalls her time establishing an ocular clinic in Botswana, she is transported back to a moment where she almost lost her life-- and all that she's worked for-- to a senseless act of violence.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1F \$8.00

46. Gun and Gubernatorial Elections by Stephanie Christensen

Hannah Cook is a young ambitious woman who joins local politics in order to help end the gun violence epidemic in America. This DI takes you on her journey through the state senate as she fights for mass shooting victims. At the climax, she re-lives the worst day of her life: when she became a target, almost died, and saw a close friend get shot and killed. This script depicts the difficulties of making gun safety changes in America and stays “apolitical” but not apathetic to gun violence victims. Hannah Cook is a fictional character not based on any real politician.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1F \$8.00

47. A Return to Comedy by Matt Mills

Kyle Nelshok used to be one of the biggest comedians on the planet, but a spree of strange behavior and scandalous headlines forced him out of the spotlight. Now he's back with a brand new comedy special, but before he gets to his set, he first has to address his absurd misdeeds. And there are so, so many...

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1M \$8.00

48. Taken 9... To 5 by Matt Mills

Intrepid five-year-old Lucy employs her special set of skills and rescues her kidnapped mom from the captivity of... her new full-time job?

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1M or F \$10.00

49. Connor Chad's Rad Recording Sesh by Matt Mills

Watch your favorite beautiful bro of celebrity superstar Connor Chad epically [fail to] record audio for his new movie. Chyeah, bruh!

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1M \$10.00

50. Oh, Brother, Where Art Meow? By Matt Mills

Mr. Snuggles wants to know where his missing brother is and nothing can stop him! Well, maybe a snack. And a cuddle... But then! Nothing but a nap could stop him!

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1M or F \$10.00

51. A Face is Just A Face by Stephanie Christensen

As online sources spread infinite information, the distortion of truth has grown to be a powerful threat to modern society. The creation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and "DeepFake" editing/distortionary videography can put any person at risk of fraud and conspiracy. In this dramatic interp, the protagonist falls into a life-threatening situation of distorted truth when they discover that their monopolistic AI tech company is harvesting individuals' data. After threatening to alert the authorities, the protagonist ends up in prison for a crime they did not commit. While the audience listens to the protagonist's epic recollection of events, they are left to feel eerie about the dangers of advancing technology. This Black Mirror-like DI is for you if you love telling a unique story that has the audience on the edge of their seats.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M/F Dramatic \$8.00

52. Americano Horror Story by Kamden Knudson

Americano Horror Story” follows the rivalry between two coffee shops. A master plan involving dark magic is set into motion and nothing is ever the same at Rise and Grind Coffee.

12-15 min. Cut as needed. M/F Readers Theatre or HI \$14.00

53. Letting Him Down by Myron Bergesen

War leaves scars on the men and women who have fought in it. However, these scars are not always visible. Terms such as Nervous Breakdown, Battle Fatigue, and Shell Shock gave way to Post-Traumatic Stress ten years after the Vietnam War.

A script best suited for mature actors and audiences, please use discretion. This script uses graphic language and references suicide. Feel free to change the language and delete the suicide reference.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. Dramatic M/F 8.00

54. We Can Live by Matt Mills

A conspiracy theorist clues us in on a horrific global plot, oblivious to how past trauma can cloud judgment.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. Dramatic M/F 8.00

55. Five Stages of Survival by Stephen Mizell

Everyone has heard of the five stages of grief, the final stage being acceptance. But what if that last stage is unattainable? What if you are not allowed to accept your loss because, technically, there is no loss? The Five Stages of Survival explores the heartbreaking life of someone whose loved one is in a long coma. This script works well for someone able to portray love and desperation at the same time.

10-12 min. Cut as needed.)Dramatic M/F 8.00

56. Unfinished Business by Tom Mizell

After a tragic accident, a young girl haunts the attic of her family's home. As she recalls that fateful day, she slowly begins to reveal the truth and the depths of her grief.

7-10 Cut as needed F, Dramatic 8.00

57. A Stitch in Time by Alex MacDonald

A woman invites you into her world of cherished vintage treasures collected through thrifting. As she shares stories behind each precious piece, it becomes clear these items hold deep personal significance and memories. Through her reflections on family, love, and loss, she reveals how her hobby connects her to moments and relationships that shaped her life. This story explores themes of resilience, the unpredictability of life, and the enduring power of remembrance, all woven together through the woman's passion for preserving the past one stitch at a time.

10-12 min., Cut as needed Dramatic 8.00

58. Turning the Oxygen Handle by Alex McDonald

In "Turning the Oxygen Handle", a man on death row reflects on the tragic circumstances that led to his execution. His choices result in his conviction of premeditated murder, forcing him to confront the consequences of his actions and the ethics of mercy. As he faces his impending execution, the narrative explores themes of love, loss and redemption, prompting the audience to ponder the complexities of

morality and profound impact of familial love.

10-12 min. Cut as needed Dramatic 8.00

59. The Danica Project by Alex MacDonald

A passionate kindergarten teacher is deeply committed to protecting and nurturing her students. Inspired by her own loving upbringing, she strives to create a safe and caring environment for children who may be facing challenges at home. When the teacher notices troubling changes in one of her students, she becomes determined to understand and help. Through her journey, Jessica reveals the complexities and struggles educators face in identifying and addressing signs of domestic violence, highlighting the urgent need for awareness and action to support vulnerable children.

10-12 min. Cut as needed Dramatic 8.00

60. The Dragon's Heart by Kamden Knudson

The king has fallen ill, and it is up to the brave knight Cameron and their trusty page to acquire a cure for his ailment. That is, if the king can survive the queen's experimental treatments and the knight can conquer their fear of monsters!

12-15 min. Cut as needed Humorous, Duo or Reader Theater 10.00

61. A Sci-Fry Story by Kamden Knudson

John and Joseph, long-time science fair rivals, compete to make increasingly baffling potato-powered inventions, culminating in a duo of robots with potatoes for hearts.

12-15 min. Cut as needed Humorous, Duo or Reader Theater 10.00

62. Out of This World, Out of My Mind! by Kamden Knudson

A man wakes up in an unfamiliar place with unfamiliar beings after a long night out. He quickly learns he's been abducted by aliens! Good thing the two kind-hearted aliens Greeble and Zeeble are here to help get him home. That is, if they can get the escape pod to work...

12-15 min. Cut as needed Humorous, or Reader Theater M/F 10.00

63. Orientation by Jada Simon

Over one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters. Through the voice of one, she orients us through the careful rules that keep her mother's world from collapsing. Every routine is love stretched to its limit. Until love snaps, displaying the hardest part of love, is not what you do, but knowing when you have to walk away.

(10-12 min. Cut as needed) 1F, Dramatic 8.00

64. Just a Joke by Rick Dorn

A teenage girl reminisces with her brother over the jokes and pranks they have pulled on each other in the past. Things turn more serious as she remembers how they watched out for each other during more painful times. By the end, she realizes there were parts of his pain she could never reach. **A script best suited for mature actors and audiences. Please use discretion. This script uses references to suicide and drug use.**

(10-12 min. Cut as needed) 1F, Dramatic 8.00

65. Down Dog, Death, and Other Distractions by Stephanie Christensen

Overworked and underpaid, Tasha, a medical resident (doctor in training) is living through the most stressful period of her life. Between near-death patient situations in the ER, emotional burden, and degradation from older doctors, she must take time to reset her nervous system. Through yoga, or “down dog”, she grounds and reconnects to her calm. But as many health care workers discover — stress and grief can creep up and break through your distractions no matter how often you shove them away. Only with social support can Tasha find the grounding she needs.

10-12 min. Cut as needed, Dramatic 8.00

66. A Teacher's Commitment by Stephanie Christensen

As a compassionate and optimistic teacher of English as a Second Language, Liza spends 5 days a week learning the personalities, hopes, and dreams of her students. She looks out for them and offers them guidance to keep moving forward. After one of her favorite students, Alfie, abruptly passes away in a car accident bringing his little sister to school, Liza must cope with her own grief while continuing to be a strong leader in the classroom. "A Teacher's Commitment" highlights the deep relationships between teachers and students, and acts as a reminder that when we face grief and suffering, it is never a bad thing to seek help.

7-10 min. Cut as needed, M/F Dramatic 8.00

67. I am Tired by Nkilioma Eze

It's nighttime, and a young woman with a strong Nigerian accent stands on a roadside in a quiet Italian suburb. After an awkward encounter with a potential client, she has an impromptu conversation with a stranger, to whom she tells the story of how she was sold into a life of forced prostitution in a foreign land. Currently, there are approximately 6.3 million victims of sex trafficking worldwide. Most are female, and 1.7 million are under the age of 18. Specifically, the sex trafficking of Nigerian women and girls in Italy is a crisis that has persisted for over three decades, having destroyed tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of lives. Unfortunately, the stories you'll find while researching these cases are almost always the same. The general formula that I discovered in victim testimonies, time and time again, while conducting my own research, is replicated in this script. **A script best suited for mature actors and audiences; please use**

discretion.

10-12 min. Cut as needed 1F, Dramatic, 10.00

DUETS

1. Asparagus Queens by Patrick Bates

Vicki Ellen Linkletter and Lonnie Rae Gregory have been the best of friends for as long as either can remember. It's a fragile friendship, however, as both share a love you-hate you relationship as junior beauty queens. Nice on the outside to one another, on the inside, each lets her true feelings creep out. Now teenagers, both girls are desperate to wear one last crown, that of The Asparagus Queen.

7-10 min, 2F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

2. Books by Warren Thurston

The duet Books deals with the repression of truth by a person known only as the Protector. This person projects the image that they are the savior of their society. In reality they are a dictator who controls the people by suppressing the writing of books

7-10 min, 1M and 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

3. Clown Heart by Ed Vela

A traveling circus in the 1950's. A clown and his young aerialist friend talk about a murder that was witnessed under the big top, but is the murderer who he appears to be.

8-10 min, M or F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

4. Cookies by Ed Vela

A put-upon boy and his hapless uncle struggle with female attire and their dignity when the boy's younger sister gets sick on the last day that she is to meet her quota of cookie sales for her Wildlife Girl Explorer Troop. So now they must go where no man has gone before, door to door as "Girl" Explorer and Troop Mother to sell the last of the cookies, while trying not to break their ankles in high heels

8-10 min, 2M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

5. Cross X by Patrick Bates

Mandy and Pete are partners in the middle of a round of debate. They are losing the round and

they know it, but they also know it isn't because they don't know what they're doing. It appears there are other forces at work, romantic forces that is. Pete is finishing the Second Negative speech when he self-destructs. This duet has two endings the actors can choose from.

8-10 min, 1M and 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

6. Flight 212 to L.A. by D'Arcy Robb

All she wants to do is catch flight 212 to Los Angeles. But as our heroine attempts to make her way through a crowded international airport, a cast of obnoxious strangers – a way-too-friendly security agent, a panicked fearful flyer, an Elvis impersonator and more – seem determined to attach themselves to her! This script may be performed as a humorous, duet, readers theatre or short play.

As a duet, this piece allows one actor to play the long-suffering “straight” character and the other to embody a roster of comic characters. If performed as a larger-cast production, speaking roles are available for up to eight actors. All roles may be performed by actors of either gender.

10-12 min. (cut as needed) M or F \$10.00 (copy as needed)

7. Gary Trotter and the Man We Whose Name We Cannot Say Due to Copyright Infringement by Patrick Bates

Two enthusiastic fans of a world famous book series about a teen boy wizard attempt to lure new readers into their fantasy realm by presenting the entire eighteen volume adventure in ten minutes or less.

7-10 min, M or F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

8. Grilled Cheese by Kevin Paris

David, a mentally challenged young man, has moved into his first apartment-much to the dismay of his Mom. Unaware of her intentions to convince him to move back home, David prepares a special dinner to celebrate his mother's first visit to his apartment. A son's need for independence, a mother's need to protect-a resolution will be reached over something as simple as grilled cheese.

10-15 min. Cut as needed. \$12.00

9. Guitar Zeros by Patrick Bates

Stephanie and Kelsey are bff's in their sophomore year of high school. Eager for acceptance from their peers, they discuss the important things in their lives: boys, popularity, boys, and occasionally school. While playing Guitar Hero, they unwittingly reveal much about themselves to one another.

7-10 min, 2F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

10. Hunters Paradise by Marla Crowe

This is a comedy scene for 2 hunters. They both are country hicks although Bubba fancies himself as the "smart" one. Clyde may not have common sense but he is a loyal friend. It is a scene that offers some great "in sync" action that will make your duet stand out from the rest. Although it is written for two males it could be played by two females trying to be males. This is a great opportunity to let the traditional male stereotypes come forward with some very interesting and funny twists along the way.

10-15 min, 2M or F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

11. I Do.. I Don't by Marla Crowe

It is a drama that explores the emotions one feels on their wedding day, however, this is not a truly happy day. It allows the actress to explore those real life raw emotions that come when we are faced with difficult decisions. Cate must make one of those decisions that will affect others for the rest of their lives.

8-10 min, 2F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

12. Mirror Mirror by Fear Stanford

Vain and self-absorbed Tessa gets taken down a notch by her own reflection when she assumes she's the "fairest one of all." A hilarious duet that calls for two girls to mirror each other physically while delivering their lines.

10-12 min, 2F. \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

13. My Life in Babysitters by D'Arcy Robb

It's the easiest babysitting job on the planet: watching one smart, well-behaved, adult-like child named David. But somehow, the family winds up with a string of dysfunctional babysitters, from strength trainer Greta to method actress Elena to date-crazy Jessica – and David winds up learning quite a few hilarious, bizarre lessons from them. This script can be performed in a variety of ways from a humorous interp., duet, readers theatre or short play (1M, 4 F) My Life in Babysitters provides great opportunities for a strong comic actors to embody different roles.

10-12 min (cut as needed) M or F \$12.00 (copy as needed)

14. One Bus Town by Theresa Laws

Melinda is safe and sound minding the counter in her small town convenience store. Cody, a dashing stranger, waits and waits for a bus that's long overdue. When they strike up a conversation,

sparks fly and secrets are revealed. Neither one seems so content with their lives.

10 min, 1M and 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

15. Passing Class by Patrick Bates

Love springs eternal during an orientation visit to a college for Alan and Denni, two bright-eyed would be college freshmen intent on finding their futures through education and in love. After a brief introduction during the campus visit, the next four years unfold as the two continual pass each other on the same set of stairs in an academic hall. In the short space of time, the relationship grows, withers, and blooms again all while passing class.

8-10 min, 1M and 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

16. ROMEO REDUX by Patrick Bates

Love springs eternal for a pair of young teens who discover that Shakespeare knew exactly what love's got to do with it when it comes to meeting that girl or guy of one's dreams. A humorous selection suitable for all ages.

8-10 min, 1M and 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

17. What Happened To You, Mr. Clarkston by Patrick Bates

Who is actually serving the after school detention: Mr. Clarkston, the teacher or Jeremy, the class clown? During detention, the two must square off in a battle of wits, determination, and sympathy. In the end, they discover that they are not so different after all.

7-10 min, cut as needed M or F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

18. Welcome to the Burger Den by Tim Mogford

STEVEN's working at a fast-food restaurant. He's new and a little nervous, but very enthusiastic. When JACKIE comes in, he's excited by the chance to work with a real customer, and does not notice the mask, dark sunglasses and suspicious-looking object hidden under a cloth. It doesn't take him long to realize, however, that she's not here for the burgers. But JACKIE's in for a few surprises of her own, too, as this fast-paced comic sketch works its way through several hilarious twists. Vivid, recognizable characters, broad physical comedy and quickfire dialogue make this piece great fun to perform and even more enjoyable to watch.

10-12 min, cut as needed. M or F with name change \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

19. Our Depression Speech by Tim Mogford

It is a situation familiar to all school students: the dreaded Oral Presentation. This one - on (of

course) the Great Depression - has the added joy of bringing Carrie and Tom together in the group. See, Carrie and Tom have been "Carrie and Tom" and now - well, not so much. The painful, silly reality of the classroom is added to the comic tension of complicated school relationships in this funny and poignant piece about young love. It's all mixed in with the real presentation which Carrie and Tom have prepared for their "Depression Speech," and there are some interesting parallels!

10-12 min; cut as needed. 1M, 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

20. You Can't Judge a Man by His Speedo by D'Arcy Robb

Boy meets girl on the beach. Girl can't stand boy – but he won't go away! How do you stop a goofball who's convinced he's met his goddess? Or is there any chance he might be the right guy after all?

10-12 min; cut as needed. 1M, 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

21. The MJ and Rosie Show by Tim Mogford

It's not easy being cast in the chorus again, especially when-like Rosie-you have dreams of being the lead girl, like MJ-you are passionately committed to the Art of Theatre. In their struggle to be a positive part of the show, while also satisfying their longing for self expression, the two characters in this piece will be all too familiar to everyone who has tried to fit in and stand out at the same time. The MJ and Rosie Show is a funny, poignant play about the painful hilarity of your dreams. A cut version of the script is included.

12-15 min; cut as needed. 1M, 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

22. Aw Nuts! by Abram Sand

A boy tries to get rid of a peanut allergy after falling head over heels in love for a peanut fanatic. Along the way he meets a hippy shopkeeper obsessed with "herbal remedies", an old witch who practices "Legume Voodoo", and even the ghost of Washington Carver himself. In the end he discovers that this newfound love might not be all it's cracked up to be. This also could be performed as a humorous.

10-12 min; cut as needed, 2M, \$10.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

23. Right Swipe by Patrick Bates

Maggie and Megan fear they have exhausted all their dating opportunities by their third year of college. Out of desperation they turn to the Internet's latest site: Right Swipe.

10-12 min; cut as needed, 2F, \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

24. Third Period Blues by Kristofer Kauff

Justin is having trouble dealing with the emotions he has for a girl he likes when his gym teacher, Mr. Knight, tries to give him a little advice. By the end of their conversation Justin just might be the one who has a better handle on these issues than his teacher.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. 2M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

25. Baby Powder Blues by Stephanie Christensen

There are many joys and challenges to becoming new parents, and in this duo interpretation, Nick and Ali enjoy the journey together as Ali's due date approaches. In this heartfelt story, the couple faces several surprises and they demonstrate just how many different ways you can show one another that you love each other. The mixture of tragedy, love, and family reminds us that every moment is a gift to spread love and kindness.

10-12 min. Cut as needed 1M 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

26. By Accident by Kevin Carey

A man and the driver of the car who caused an accident have a conversation in the hospital room where the man's wife is in a coma.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 2M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

27. First Date Blues by Matt Mills

It's Amy and Clark's first date, and it's already off to a rocky start. Wanting to get to know each other without all of the anxiety and pressures of dating, they decide to spend the night free from their social shackles, simply as two people enjoying each other's company. The result is a fun, absurd night that they'll remember forever.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1M 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

28. Look Who's Exploring Now by Matt Mills

Set in a space-conquering future, a father and son take a road trip through space per their roles as explorers, though the son, Josh, finds it a boring task. When an encounter with a new species of aliens puts him to the test, Josh has to learn to love his destiny as a great space explorer.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 2M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

29. Security Check by Anna Levine

This humorous duet is set in an airport where Adelle, a feisty, if lonely, grandmother, reveals a bit more about herself than the security guard wishes to know.

10-12 min. Cut as needed 1M 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

30. The Ballad of Jersey and Jim by Kristofer Kauff

Jersey and Jim are rival secret agents that both have a job to do. What that job is, could prove deadly to each other. Who will best the other with their “cunning” “abilities”?

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 2M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

31. The Buffer by Mike Allegra

Heated negotiations ensue after Sarah ropes her husband, Bill, into an unwelcome “couples night.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1M 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

32. Thicker than Water by Kat Ravlic

Rose didn’t know how to react when her son told her that he was homosexual, and in her lack of understanding she neglected him when he needed her the most. Now, three years later, she wants to make amends. Can Jeff forgive his mother’s past mistakes and let her back into his life?

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1M 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

33. Waffle Mountain by Kristofer Kauff

Mandy is ready to spend a lovely day skiing with her friend Keith, when she finds out that taking him up on her favorite get away mountain may have been a bad idea.

7-10 min. Cut as needed. 1M 1F \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

34. Yellow Birch by Stephanie Christensen

Ellie is a stressed single mom and oncologist living in the year 2098. It is a year of environmental turmoil, with unbelievable toxicity in the air and staggering repercussions from decades of pollution. When her partner finds a prospective cure for leukemia, she is overjoyed, thinking it will save her daughter Lily. But upon learning that the cure would require chopping down thousands of birch trees, she must make a decision between the future of her family and the future of the country.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 1F 1M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

35. The Exchange by Matt Mills

Is it two secret agents meeting to negotiate a high-stakes prisoner exchange? Or is it a recently broken-up couple meeting to return the things the other left at their place? ...It's the latter, and it's messy. (3 characters)

10-12 min. Cut as needed. F/M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

36. Speech Practice by Matt Mills

A first-year Speech student tries to survive practice with the world's most pretentious yet clueless Speech coach. (4 characters)

10-12 min. Cut as needed. F/M \$12.00 (price includes 2 scripts)

37. Sister Sister by Stephanie Christensen

This heartwarming duo describes the many layers (and many years) of a sister sister relationship between Rachel and Laina. From playtime and “rap” concerts in their youth, to life-saving sacrifices, Rachel and Laina consistently show up for each other despite their differences. Laina is a nerdy reserved woman who ends up marrying her high school sweetheart and having a baby. Rachel is an independent wild child who turns into the “fun aunt.” But when Laina is diagnosed with kidney failure, Rachel knows she’ll do anything to save her sister’s life.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 2F \$12.00

38. Overtime by Stephen Mizell

Too often we tend to think of the angel and demon on our shoulders as good and evil. But what if they are simply clocking in to do a job that needs to be done just like the rest of us. These two coworkers do everything they can to succeed at their conflicting jobs while maintaining a healthy work relationship. A great piece for exploring everyday life from a different perspective.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$12.00

39. The Locked Door by Stephen Mizell

Everyone remembers moments with their loved ones gathered together. This piece remembers the moments of separation. A story told through flashbacks as they relate to a family’s current heartbreak. Locked Doors explores life as seen through the times we aren’t allowed to be near those we love. This piece is great for anyone who can switch between desperation and humor seamlessly.

10-15 min. Cut as needed. M or F \$12.00

40. The Dragon's Heart by Kamden Knudson

The king has fallen ill, and it is up to the brave knight Cameron and their trusty page to acquire a cure for his ailment. That is, if the king can survive the queen’s experimental treatments and the

knight can conquer their fear of monsters!

12-15 min. Cut as needed Humorous, Duo or Reader Theater 10.00

41. A Sci-Fry Story by Kamden Knudson

John and Joseph, long-time science fair rivals, compete to make increasingly baffling potato-powered inventions, culminating in a duo of robots with potatoes for hearts.

12-15 min. Cut as needed Humorous, Duo or Reader Theater 10.00

42. Gosh and Jeeze by Stephen Mizell

One day you will hang out with your best friend for the last time and not even know it. These two friends reminisce about the life they spent together leading up to that last time. Follow them on their journey of friendship from their childhood to their devastating conclusion. This will tug at anyone's heartstrings who has had to say goodbye to someone close to them unexpectedly. It would be good for any two people with a strong chemistry who can banter with each other believably, making the conclusion hit harder..

10-12 min. Cut as needed 2 M or F, Duet/Duo 12.00

READERS THEATRE

1. Bats in the Belfry by Ed Vela

On the surface, a group therapy session involving some really strange kids, but there might just be more to it than a young manic depressive, a gothic anorexic with no will to live, a seemingly calm child with big time hostility issues, and a multiple personality who comes across like a television with a busted remote.

15-20 min, 5 characters; M or F, \$14.00 (copy as needed)

2. Halvzies by Ed Vela

Three half brothers, who can't stand each other, share their not-to friendly thoughts, feelings, and ideas concerning each other with a child psychologist doing her level best to get them to bond. Good luck.

12-15 min, 4 Characters M or F \$14.00 (copy as needed)

3. Spin by Charlotte Jones

Mother Goose spins a new, politically correct yarn in this seven character comedy where Prince

Charming is required to awaken Sleeping Beauty before kissing her, the Big Bad Wolf is a vegetarian and The House That Jack Built can't be built without the proper permits. This also could be done as a class play.

12-15 min, 7 Characters, M or F, \$14.00 (copy as needed)

4. Talk About by Patrick Bates

Gossip and rumors have the ability to destroy on any level. Whether we are children making up stories about 'the weird girl who lives down the street' or adults speculating on 'an incident' at the local school, drawing conclusions without any facts will always lead to devastating results. TALK ABOUT allows for multiple character interpretations by a small group of actors presenting in a variety of serious and humorous scenes, monologues, and poems.

15-20 min, 8 Characters M or F \$14.00 (copy as needed)

5. The Answer Is D by Julie Lester

Follow these students as they take the State Assessment Exam. This readers theatre is a roller coaster ride filled with humorous characters, song and dance. Who knew exams could be so much fun?

12-15 min, 10 Characters M and F \$14.00 (copy as needed)

6. The Class Reunion by Stephanie Christensen

Were you ever the outcast of the high school "scene"? Have you ever been forced to go to a class reunion that you know will go so terribly wrong? Jonathan Dunsky finds himself dealing with exactly that, attending a 15 year reunion dance that drudges up more awkward memories than he would like to remember. Yearning all his life for a place to belong and friends to trust, Jonathan must face the challenges of looking his past straight in the eye, in order to move on. However, he finds that this 15 year class reunion is even wackier than he could ever imagine. To his surprise, a place to belong could lie in the hands of the crazy weird kid Gilbert. When the two outcasts meet, Jonathan finds that they're not so different after all.

12-15 min. Cut as Needed. 7 Characters M/F \$14.00

7. The Viewing by SuzAnne C. Cole

Set in a funeral parlor viewing room, explores the differences between the way a mother and daughter see themselves, their relationship and each other. As they use the occasion of the funeral of their sister and aunt to politely and superficially explore their views, their alter-egos say what they really mean.

12-15 min, 4F \$14.00 (copy as needed)

8. The Concussion Protocol by Patrick Bates

The dangers and long term effects of traumatic brain injuries are examined in an ethereal crossing of characters and disjointed timeline as a young man comes to grips with his injury.

12-15 min. Cut as needed. 5 characters M and F \$14.00

9. We are the Ashes by Linda Oatman High

Voices from Auschwitz tell a haunting story of the Holocaust, with a modern-day ending illuminating the subject with hope and honor for the victims. WE ARE THE ASHES/ONCE UPON A TIME mixes the horror of the Holocaust with a whimsical fairy tale voice telling the tale of a family that lived on the property of the death camps.

12-15 min. Cut as needed. 6 characters M and F 14.00

10. Tossed in Space by Matt Mills

In the semi-distant future, one quirky family's road trip across the solar system goes haywire, leaving them stranded on an asteroid. What starts out as a testy weekend may turn into a testy eternity

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 7 characters M and F 10.00

11. A Hint of Truth by Matt Mills

A strange new restaurant leads to a surprisingly truthful first date, which turns out to be great—in a strange, new way.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 4 characters M and F 10.00

12. Revenge of the Jocks by Matt Mills

As two jocks learn on their first day, Beverly Southwest Eastsouth isn't like your other schools—here, intellect and snark reign supreme, and jocks, well... we put them somewhere else.

10-12 min. Cut as needed. 4 characters M and F 10.00

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12-15 min. Cut as needed Humorous, Duo or Reader Theater 10.00

15. Out of This World, Out of My Mind! by Kamden Knudson

A man wakes up in an unfamiliar place with unfamiliar beings after a long night out. He quickly learns he's been abducted by aliens! Good thing the two kind-hearted aliens Greeble and Zeeble are here to help get him home. That is, if they can get the escape pod to work...

12-15 min. Cut as needed Humorous, or Reader Theater M/F 10.00

IMPROVISIONS

1. Classroom Improvisations by Marla Crowe

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