

Audition monologue for female roles

Background:

- This is the audition monologue for 'female roles'. Actors cast in 'female roles' will play
 predominantly female-identifying characters. Gender diverse and non-binary identifying
 actors can choose to perform one or both of the monologues provided and can indicate on
 the application form which roles they wish to be considered for.
- This monologue is from the high school show 'Wired'. Percy (she/her) is 14 years old and in year 8. She lives with her parents and her brother Lucas. Lucas is in year 10 and is allowed to live in the granny flat in the garden. He has always been sensitive but has recently been showing signs of depression and anxiety. He has refused to go to school for the last three weeks. Percy is concerned about him but doesn't know how to help. Percy is trying to talk to Lucas, but he is disengaged and unresponsive.
- The monologue can be performed directly to camera or just off camera, whatever feels more comfortable for you.

Hey Lucas! Lucas! (*Enters his room*) Eww it stinks in here. Crank a window bro. Mum said you have to come in and eat dinner with us. (*No answer*.) Lucas?! You can't stay in here vaping and eating pizza shapes your whole life. Eww, when did you wash your hair last? (*Realises he's not coming in for dinner*)

What are you listening to? (She indicates it's sad and depressing – he doesn't answer) Everyone knows sad music makes you sadder aaand happy music makes you... (She sings a few bars of an annoying happy song. He glares at her and points to the door 'Get out!' She realises the situation is getting serious)

Okay... so... don't freak out when I tell you this, but I messaged Zac and Liam and they told me about your TikTok.... situation. They sent me screen shots of the comments and... (she indicates his replies were awkward and embarrassing) your replies.

You should've just ignored them! They're so horrible! I feel like punching them in the face. At least **you** are trying to write original music. Even though it is a bit weird... not weird... just different. Sorry... anyway.... (*No response-she is very concerned*) Luc...I'm really worried about you. You always just 'shut down' when stuff happens.

Zac reckons you're depressed and you should go to a counsellor? (She picks up his phone) Why don't you call Zac and (realises the screen is smashed) What did you do to your phone? The screen is smashed. Good one. (He tells her to get out of his room) Okay! I'm going! (Turns to exit - stops) And I'm telling mum you smashed your phone!

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