



AUDITIONOMICON

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"Epic monologues, unlocked"

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About this book

Auditionomicon is a book of completely new and original audition monologues. They are mostly suitable for everyone, no matter your age, gender or cultural background, with a mix of comedy, drama and subject matter.

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Accidental John

Duration: 90 seconds

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Comedy

Emotion: Pleading, Urgent, Innocent, Surprised

Language: Dirty

Oh, honey, I'm so happy to see you. Are they letting me out of here now? *(pause)*
What do you mean? You haven't bailed me out?

Okay... *(thinks)* look, honey, you know how people say it's not what it looks like in situations like this, and it's almost always exactly what it looks like? Well it's not what it looks like! How long have we been married? *(pause)* What?! No, of course I know how long we've been married. That was rhetorical. I'm trying to say that we've been married for seventeen years and I've never done a thing like this so why *wouldn't* you believe me?

Okay so here's what happened. I was running late for the dentist because parking has been a nightmare since they put in those restrictions down the road. I don't know which genius thought that was going to solve the congestion problem ...

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Change Blindness

Duration: 2 minutes

Gender: Female

Style: Drama

Emotion: Chirpiness, Revelation, Disdain

Language: Clean

Have you heard of change blindness? It's where we don't see changes that take place very gradually over time. Three specks of dust land on your bookshelf per day but you only notice it when it's an inch deep.

Change blindness is the reason our apartment looked the way it did. It's not that we didn't care for it – we simply didn't see it. One day everything is spick and span, the next you have peeling wood panels, dented refrigerators, stained bathtubs, faded carpet and you find yourself living in squalor.

I told Roger, "Roger, darling. We're living in squalor. We need to do a spring *and* summer clean on this place." Roger points out that it's a rental and we aren't responsible for cleanliness beyond ...

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Choice Paralysis

Duration: 2 and a half minutes

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Drama

Emotion: Frustration, Terror, Bitterness

Language: Dirty

Choices. Choices choices. I don't like this one bit, this choices thing. "You're young, you know *nothing* about the world. Choose now for the rest of forever – and don't fuck it up kid."

I like video games. Open world RPGs and MMORPGs with complex skill tree upgrading systems. Games where when you level up you can choose the skill area you want to develop, like for example my defensive combat skills. I put five points into shield, I unlock a new block technique. But I only get one point per level so I have to choose whether I make myself a defence god or mix up my offence and defence or boost attributes in spellcasting and ...

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Dropped Commitment

Duration: 90 seconds

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Drama

Emotion: Outrage, Anger, Sadness, Determination

Language: Clean

You're screwing me, Billy. You're bending me over the couch and doing me dry.

Oh don't give me that look. Like I'm being dramatic. When you said you'd do this, I didn't think for a second it was a placeholder commitment. "Oh yeah, sure. I'd love to be involved. Count me in one million percent. Oh wait, sorry, maybe that's only nine hundred and sixty thousand percent because the tennis is on and a friend of a friend of a friend invited me to watch it at the pub."

No, you don't get to speak. I'm not done. You need to understand the impact of this change-of-mind bullshit you've sprung. You agreed to do this with me so I straight away booked the bus, the accommodation, my *time*; I bought food, I said no to three shifts at work which have now gone ...

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Gains

Duration: 90 seconds

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Drama

Emotion: Stoicism, Determination, Grief

Language: Dirty

Actor is lifting weights while performing. Biceps curls are the obvious choice.

Twenty. I don't think people get it. I mean, I know they don't. They think it's a choice, what I do. But it's not a choice. It's what I have to do.

Twenty-five. You think it's actually easy? This life? I don't get taken hugely seriously you know, as a gym junkie. "All muscles, no brains." "No direction. No priorities." "Don't know what a book is." "Don't have a meaningful pursuit." Yeah, I get all that and worse. Thirty-five. Some people love the whole gym body thing but the ones who do

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Impulsive Problems

Duration: 90 seconds

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Comedy, Drama

Emotion: Irritation, Scorn, Frustration

Language: Clean

A lot of people don't like to say "I told you so" but I'm going to own it. I told you so. I've complained about this kind of thing a thousand times yet does it ever change? No, it doesn't. And now you've gone and, what was it again? That's right, you've killed someone. And why was that? Correct, you were being impulsive. I damned well told you so, you absolute muppet. I – told – you – so.

No! Don't you dare yell at me. You don't get to kill a man then yell at *me* for rubbing my ten years of complaining in your face. Once again I'm going to have to clean up your mess so I'm not going to tolerate being snipped at while I do it. *I'm* going to snip at you, and I'm going to keep saying "I told you so" ...

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Kicked Off

Duration: 1 minutes

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Drama

Emotion: Bitterness, Anger

Language: Dirty

Bitter? Why on earth would I be bitter? Because I ended up as Hassan's collateral damage and lost my career too? How petty do you think I'd be to let *that* get to me?

Did they spare a second's thought about the other people impacted by this? Hassan gets "beaten up by white supremacists", the public goes mental. When it turns out he faked it to make a point about racial bigotry, the whole concept of public mentalness gets redefined. Of course he loses his job as an *actor*. An actor playing the role *I* wrote ...

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Rush hour in Emergency

Duration: 2 and a half minutes

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Comedy, Drama

Emotion: Politeness, Good Humour, Hatred, Anger, Frustration

Language: Dirty

I didn't know emergency departments had rush hour. Roads and trains – that makes sense. But emergency departments?

I discovered this fun fact the hard way when Benny ate something and one of his rashes popped up. He's one of those kids who's allergic to two out of every three things that touch or enter his body. Capsicum? Allergic. Celery? Allergic. Nuts? Fine. Bees? Dead in three seconds. Petunias? Allergic. Pollen? No problems at all – until he hit seven. Now it makes his head turn into a giant raspberry.

This time it was spinach. (*chuckles*) You know, Benny was pretty pleased when we discovered his spinach allergy. Stuck the EpiPen in his thigh, revived the little bugger, and he's lying there with a huge grin on his face. "Guess I don't ...

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Stay

Duration: 75 seconds

Gender: Male/Female

Style: Comedy, Drama

Emotion: Candour, Worry, Urgency

Language: Clean

You ask me how things are going in school, well, they're going bad mum. I don't have friends. My teachers are all bored and barely try. The older kids pick on me. Like, constantly. Every day some nasty prick whose daddy doesn't love him throws rocks or food or insults or whatever at me. I'm disappointed every time I wake up without a runny nose or tummy ache because I can't stay home sick and stare at the ceiling all day. You know the worst part? I can't even pretend like I'm going to be better than any ...

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Twins

Duration: 2 and a half minutes

Gender: Male

Style: Comedy

Emotion: Embarrassment, Caution, Good Humour

Language: Dirty

You know this idea that we all wear different faces? One for your family, one for your colleagues, one for the doctor? You can't wear more than one face at the same time, which is why you should never hang with both your bae and your boys.

So we're all out for a beverage – Johnson, Skinny, the German and Sairz. Skinny hasn't been laid since forever so he brings up sex within minutes. "Would you fuck an ugly granny or a hot fifteen year old?"

I'm so fucking embarrassed. I asked these dickholes to behave themselves and they're making pedo comments ...

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