

Monologues

Audition monologues ----

For consideration to play each character, be prepared to read the following monologues based on the character you are auditioning for:

(You can either have it memorized or it will be given to you at auditions)

A brief cold read for certain characters will also be given at auditions.

MR DANIELS- When Stacy died, I didn't think Iris would ever recover. She was glued to her mother. I hardly had alone time with my daughter, and whenever I did, it was Mom did this and that. I never complained, my favorite girls loved each other, and I loved seeing them together. The whole chemo process, I felt Iris slowly drifting, and I knew. She'd smell, and she'd act strange, but I was too preoccupied with her mother to do anything about it. She had a boyfriend around that time, the beginning of 10th grade, who was a punk, way too old for her, and a horrible influence. (pause) I was too focused on Stacy to scare him away. I figured she'd grow out of it, that it was her way of mourning, but by the time I intervened, it was too late.

ANDY-When I got to fifth period, I was the first person to notice she wasn't there. I was the *only* person who cared. Amanda has never missed a day of school, hasn't been tardy since she got the flu in fourth grade. Mr. Daniels never would have kept her behind that long; he knew how important punctuality was to her. Amanda was always the first and last person to leave a room. I think our teacher noticed as well, because she called the front office almost instantly to see if Amanda had left early. This is when everyone found out that the security system was down, the database wasn't working, and it was being repaired. I felt my stomach drop, I knew something had happened. As soon as she hung up the phone, Evan knocked at the door. I thought it was Amanda, I really did. Once Evan walked in, my heart sank. I think in that moment I realised- I realised (voice cracks)

EVAN- I really couldn't stand her, the way she always talked down at me like I was stupid or something, but it didn't annoy me enough to... (Pause) We had fifth period together, it's our English class. She always raised her hand to tell our teacher that she "read ahead" or something like that. She always answered every question and smiled a ridiculous grin when our teacher asked her to stop raising her hand. It made the rest of us look stupid. I don't think a lot of people liked her. I heard people groan every time she spoke, and the kids beside me rolled their eyes when she raised her hand. They always talked about her behind her back; I'm just the only person who said it to her face. It's better to tell things as they are, then maybe Amanda would've stopped..

(he chuckles to himself, then pulls back after seeing the DETECTIVE reaction) I'm not a bad person, I'm just honest. (pause) I was only late to fifth period because I had to grab something out of my car, that's all.

IRIS- I was never close with my dad. I love him, but we were never close like other families. I did everything with my mom, and when she got diagnosed, it was like I lost both of them. I couldn't drive yet, so I was stuck at home with Amanda instead of at the hospital. My dad worried that seeing my mom there would scare me, but I didn't care. I couldn't care less if my mom was covered in wires- I just wanted to see her, to tell her that I loved her, to promise that I'd be a good kid. (pause) I started dating this guy soon after the diagnosis. He smoked pot, popped pills, and was a senior at the time. I don't think I ever liked him; I just think I was angry. I thought maybe my dad would focus on me if he saw me with some eighteen-year-old loser, but he didn't. Amanda convinced me to break up with him; I blamed the breakup on losing my mom. He tried to pressure me into things I wasn't ready for- and I think Amanda knew that. Amanda was the only person who never made me feel like a disappointment.

DETECTIVE- The school's cameras were all deactivated. Every security system in the county was disabled. The teachers were all warned about this; they were told to keep an eye out for mischief because *something* always goes wrong. Extra surveillance was issued, and still, Amanda died. The only people who would have known about the deactivated cameras would've been you and any of your relatives- if you decided to tell them. Yet you swear you have no idea what happened to her. You say you "never knew" the cameras were off, which isn't true. The principal confirmed that you were emailed and *personally* informed by another member of the staff. In fact (pause), you were the last person who saw her.