

AUDITION MONOLOGES

For
Obedience is Mandatory

LUCY

(Giving a speech)

My fellow citizens! Or should I say, my beloved brothers and sisters! We are about to embark on a new adventure! We are to choose the destination of our new civilization! Now, I know you've heard what my opponent had to say, and I can see that you are very impressed with him, as am I! But did you hear what he actually said? He said that he would let you choose for yourselves! On the surface, that sounds great. But let us look a little deeper. If we allow our fellow citizens to choose for themselves, they will inevitably make wrong choices. Sure, they'll make some good ones, but is that worth the multitude of bad ones? Imagine that a fellow citizen wants to break into your house and steal your possessions. In my opponent's plan, that citizen is free to do as he will. He can choose whether or not to rob you! And as a result, you come home from work and everything you own is gone! Is that what you want to have happen? Or let's say you, yourself, make a bad choice, which I assure you, each and every one of us will at some point choose bad, and because of that bad choice, the enforcers come to your home and take you away. It will happen! And what if, all your life, you chose good, and then one day, one time, the first and only time in your life, you choose bad? You are taken away, without a thought of all the good choices you've made before. Under my plan, this will not happen! No one will be taken away because no one will make bad choices. You'll all live equally. My friends, free will is highly overrated.

JACK

Okay, okay. Okay, okay, okay. All these choices! I wish we were just automatically given a job, like assigned to a profession at birth. What am I talking about?! I would probably get something boring. So I guess this is better, but now I have to choose the best way to interview. Okay. All I have to do is walk in there and say "hello." And then he'll say, "hello" back. Okay, that's easy. No problem. But what if he doesn't say "hello?" Ah, man. What if he says, something else? What if he says, I dunno, "hi?" Shoot! If he says, "hi" it's over, I'm dead. I'm not gonna get the job. Of course, "hi" is pretty close to "hello." It practically means the same thing. I guess I can deal with it if he says "hi." "Hello" would be better. But "hi" is doable. Oh, no. What if he's a girl? Dang it! It's entirely possible that the interviewer will be female. In fact, it probably will be a woman. And there's no way a woman is gonna say "hello," much less, "hi." This gonna be a total disaster. She'll probably say "hello." But there's still the possibility it will be a man. I'll just call him or her, "they." They, whoever it is, will probably say, "hello." Okay, time to practice. I walk in and I see them sitting over there and I say, "Hi." And they'd say "Hello." Shoot! I said, "hi" and they said "hello." That's just gonna throw me off. I'll just have to wing the greeting. If we weren't given any choices it would all be predictable and I would be all stressed out! Hmm. Maybe I'm interviewing with the wrong candidate.