

HIVE Audition Script

Character: DAVE

CONTEXT: DAVE is having self-doubts about his performance in the 'Hive' show. He turns to veteran Llew for advice.

DAVE in the common room kitchen, making a hearty buffet breakfast. Yawning, **LLEW** enters the common room dressed in baggy pyjama pants and an old top.

DAVE

Llew, hey! Good morning!

LLEW

Is it? What time is...?

DAVE

It's, uh, just gone 6. I was up, so I thought it might be nice to make breakfast for everyone.

LLEW

(smiling)

That's a really sweet idea Dave. Thank you.

DAVE

I was doing my workout this morning and thinking - as long as we're all here, and we have to do the show together, we should, uh, y'know... bond.

LLEW yawns and stretches to on her toes, lifting her shirt to reveal her midriff. Embarrassed, **DAVE** turns away. **LLEW** catches this response - she's charmed.

DAVE

There're, uh, fried mushrooms, tomatoes, and some spinach in case you don't eat meat.

LLEW

(playful)

Do you think I eat meat, Dave?

DAVE

I, uh, I wasn't sure, I thought maybe, with the way... I didn't want to make any assumptions, so -

LLEW smiles teasingly and eats a piece of chorizo with her fingers.

DAVE

That's what I mean - we've been here for - I think, a week now? – and we don't really know each other, do we? I wanted to ask you about something, get your advice-

LLEW

Aaaaah, so you do have an ulterior motive, Mr. "*I-just-thought-it-might-be-nice-to-make-breakfast-for-everyone*"-

DAVE

Oh, no, this wasn't because I... do you remember in the first show we did together? Where you were talking about a play or something.

LLEW

'Easy Rider' musical, yeah! I was quite happy with that one. What about it?

DAVE

So, you told the, uh, *robot people* about your play idea, and they just kinda went with it. Like they knew what you were talking about. So, did that play ever "happen" in, like, a show before we got here or...?

LLEW

Nope - all new material. That was the first time I ever set foot in the "Bee Hive" Hostel. Or, in its current incarnation anyway...

DAVE

But the character, "Meg" - she hugged you, like she knew you –

LLEW

(shrugs)

Sometimes you show a card, sometimes they show a card. That's just how the game works.

DAVE

I don't know... It's hard, y'know, getting your head around this place. I felt like I was starting to work out what 'They' want me to do, then... And you're, like, really good at knowing how the robots will respond -

LLEW

Mm. Don't call them that.

DAVE

... What, the ro... Uh, sorry... what should I...?

LLEW

Whatever you want, just... "*Characters*" is the best name I've heard.

DAVE

Like during the "Easy Rider" play bit - the 'Characters' were shocked, like they thought the play was a bad idea.

LLEW

Well, yeah, can you imagine...?

DAVE

So you knew they would respond that way? But how did you know that they'd think that the play was a bad idea?

LLEW

Dave – look at me. If someone dressed like me - who talks like me, acts like me – said they were going to make a play... would you honestly assume it'd be anything but a confused, self-indulgent cluster fuck?

DAVE

(genuinely uncomprehending)

Why would I think that?

LLEW is a little touched/ a little concerned by his naiveté.