

**POTOMAC DIVISIONAL MUSIC & ARTS**

**2021 – 2022 Theater Audition**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Select one of the following three monologues. Learn, memorize it, and be prepared to present during the audition evening. Audition will also include a group read-through that will be handed out that same evening.

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**Over The Moon**

**Second Place Winner**

**By:** Adela Fless, Age 11, Whistler, Canada

**Description:** Maya discovers she really wants to be an astronaut, but her parents have other plans for her.

**Genre:** Dramatic/Comedic

How was my day at school? Uh, you know, it was average- Just your regular old school day. Nothing special. Humdrum, basic, repetitive, run of the mill-Just plain old-fashioned school. Ugh, who am I kidding!? I'm over the moon! Pun intended! We started an astronomy unit in science class today and I really love it! Don't act so excited. Well, we got to learn about rocket boosters. Man, those things are crazy powerful! We even did a 3D flight simulation on the computer and Billy fell out of his chair! Everyone started laughing, except me. I was too busy admiring the planetary posters on the wall. "To infinity and beyond!" Well, actually, they're made out of aluminum or titanium. Lightweight, yet very strong! I learned about it in a book. You know, those things you always encouraged me to read? Well, I've been reading a lot of books about space. Wait! You're what? I don't want to volunteer at the clinic! I'm not going to become a doctor! (beat) Um...nothing! I said nothing! (beat) Wait! It's just...I kind of, I- Well- Uh...I...I want to become an astronaut. I know you want me to be a doctor, but I love astronomy and I actually think I'm good at it! You both have this fantasy of me becoming a doctor, but I just don't have the passion! Can you pass the gravy? Please? I just want you to think about how I could excel as an astronaut! I could make a discovery that could change the course of the world as we know it, and I need to start somewhere. You agree? Okay! So, there's a big astronomy camp this summer and at the end, it turns out there's going to be a surprise test. The person who gets the highest mark wins a scholarship to a prestigious astronomy program in the fall. If I win, I could actually have a good chance at making my dream come true! What do you say? It's a deal? Great! Can you please pass the beef? Speaking of beef, why is beef tastier in space? It's meatier.

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## Zoom, Zoomy, Zoom

### Third Place Winner

**By:** Jade Preeya-Werba, Age 13, Islamabad Pakistan

**Description:** A teacher struggles to teach her class virtually

**Genre:** Comedic

All right. Good morning, class. Welcome back to another day of online school. Hope you are all doing well. Let's get started. Wait, before we start, um, Jason, can you please turn on your camera? It's required to have it on. EARTH TO JASON. Please turn your camera on. JASON. \*sigh\* Okay, then. Oh, Felicia, can you please adjust your screen so we can see you and not your forehead? Oh- dear, that's too much. Can you adjust it so we can't just see your mouth? We want to see your whole face. Maybe move your screen back a little? It's fine. We'll figure it out later. All right, class. Seems like we can finally get started. Earl, son? You're un-muted. Why are you watching Youtube? It's not even the most boring part of my class yet! Ugh, Mia, please would you get out of bed? We are literally in class right now. You can't be sleeping in class! Get out of bed and find a desk already! Sean? What is that? You can't hear me? Oh. Uhhh, have you tried reloading the zoom page? You can't reload zoom? Oh. How about you try to leave and rejoin? Okay? Oh no. Geena, it looks like your frozen. Are you frozen? You're frozen. AHH, MUTE YOUR MIC DEAR. MY EARS. PLEASE. TURN. OFF. YOUR. MICROPHONE. Thank you. Moving on- oh, what a pleasant surprise! Everyone, look here! My cat, Peanut has decided to join our lesson- OH DON'T YOU THINK ABOUT IT. GET OFF MY COMPUTER. GET. OFF. NOW. \*hurling motion with hands\* Sorry about that. Guys, I realize we have been doing this for months now, but we only gotta hang in for a little longer. And yes, it's been hard, and extraordinarily frustrating, but I believe that we can do it, so let's go to it. Only a little longer guys. We'll be in school soon enough. Come on...And I disconnected from the lesson. In the middle of my inspirational speech. Okay, I will not cry. I will not cry.

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## Forgive, Forget, and Fiddlesticks

### Honorable Mention

By: Isabella Besly, Age 13, Texas USA

**Description:** The protagonist is mad at their best friend and tries to give them the silent treatment.

**Genre:** Comedic

I'm not talking to her. She knows what she did. (beat) No, I don't think I'm overreacting. I'm not! (turns to someone who's not there) You know what you did! (turns back around) Snickerdoodles. I'm not supposed to be talking to her. I'm giving her the silent treatment, if that's not clear. She deserves it. She knows what she did. (turns to back and looks really annoyed, then yells) I'm not talking to you! (turns back around) Dolly Parton. I just talked to her. I'm really bad at this "ignoring your best friend because she stabbed you in the back, showing you the cold, merciless person she really is after thinking you knew her since kindergarten", aren't I? Well, live and learn. (pauses like someone's talking to her, gets really mad then turns to where the invisible "friend" is) I will not forgive and forget! (turns around and sighs) Fiddlesticks. I talked to her. Again. Ugh. I think she's trying to get me to snap at her so she can talk to me. But she doesn't even deserve my yelling. Traitors don't deserve anything. (beat) I'm going to ignore her. Really ignore her. I'm not going to talk to her nor acknowledge her existence. She's dead to me. (turns to the friend) You're dead to me! (exasperatedly) Tea and crumpets! (exhales) Starting now. She's dead to me starting now. Ugh, why do you think I'm overreacting? I'm not. Do you really want to know what that cockroach did? Fine she- (turns around and starts to talk to the "friend" but stops themselves and turns back around) Did you see that? I totally ignored her. Well, maybe I turned to her, but I didn't say anything. Nothing! Rainbows and unicorns, that felt good! (beat and gets sad) But, now it doesn't. (turns to where the "friend" is) Shish Kabobs. I really messed this up, didn't I? I just threw away a friendship after one mistake. I mean, it was a big mistake, huge. Like Godzilla couldn't even—okay not the time. (sighs) I don't know if I can ever forget what she did. But I can try to forgive, can't I?

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