LEE AND JAN
A Scene for Two Actors

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Acting 101: Blue Folder - Scenario One
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NOTES:

Screenplays start with FADE IN or FADE OUT. ("FADE OUT" indicates that it's the end of the script.) (Fades in and out are called "transitions".)

Scenes either start with the abbreviation INT. for "interior" (meaning it takes place indoors), or EXT. for exterior (i.e., outdoors), followed by the location and time of day. So "INT. OFFICE" means it takes place indoors in an office setting.

This script is about the same length as the "Seafood Surprise" script, but may take a little longer to learn. I would recommend these steps:

- Read it over before you start learning it, to get a sense of what it's about and who the characters are.

- Read it silently but also read it aloud a couple of times before you start learning it.

- Divide it into sections, then learn one section well before adding the next one.

- I recommend using the one letter/one word method.

- After you've learned it, remember to walk around the room doing physical things while saying the words, to make sure both sides of your brain are engaged.

This script has some profanity in it. As a student, you have the option of substituting different words if you like. For example, if you don't want to say the "F" word, just say "Eff you."

When we've workshopped this script in the past, students have sometimes assumed that Lee is male and Jan is female. They could be, but either character, or the actors playing them, could be either gender.

FADE IN:

INT. OFFICE - MORNING

LEE sits working at a computer. A new intern, JAN, comes by with an armful of FOLDERS, sets one on Lee's desk, starts to exit.

LEE
Hey.

JAN
What?

LEE
I asked you for the blue folder. You brought me the green one.

JAN
Sorry.
Jan finds the blue folder, hands it to Lee.

LEE
You're really stupid, aren't you.

JAN
What?

LEE
(points)
That wall is blue. The plant is green. What the fuck did they hire a Gen Z for, anyway.

JAN
That's -- insulting.

LEE
(stands; moves toward Jan)
"Ooh, I'm so insulted." "I'm such a snowflake, I'm so offended. Blah blah blah blah blah."

JAN
(after a beat)
Fuck you, and fuck this job. This place is toxic. I'll tell all my friends not to apply here. I'm never setting foot in this office again.

Jan throws folders on floor. Lee chuckles, picks up folders, sits, picks up phone, dials.

LEE
Hey, Mike? It worked. The idiot quit. I'll tell the boss to hire you as a replacement. Cool! See you tomorrow, buddy!

Lee goes back to their typing, smiling.

INT. OFFICE - TWENTY MINUTES LATER

Door opens. Jan pokes their head in, smiles.

JAN
Hey Boomer.

LEE
(startled)
What are you doing here?

JAN
I just talked to HR. They said to tell you you're fired.

LEE
(after a beat)
I find the term "boomer" offensive.

JAN
Fuck you.

THE END