







CHARACTERS

NEIL DANNA MANOLA CLAUDIA CASTING DIRECTOR



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SCENE 1. The First Audition

C. DIRECTOR: Stand in the middle of the stage, please.

NEIL: Right here?

C. DIRECTOR: Is that the middle?

NEIL: Oh sorry! I am so nervous.

C. DIRECTOR: Do not worry, dear.

NEIL: It's my dream and I don't want to fail.

C. DIRECTOR: I'm sure it is going to go well.

NEIL: Do you really think so?

C. DIRECTOR: Yes, Ok. Are you ready?

NEIL: Yes.

C. DIRECTOR: Okay, whenever your're ready.

(Music sounds)

C. DIRECTOR: Name?

NEIL: My name is Neil.

C. DIRECTOR: Age?

NEIL: 20.

C. DIRECTOR: Job?

NEIL: I am an actor.





C. DIRECTOR: OK. Hands?

NEIL: Yeah! I have two hands.

C. DIRECTOR: Show me your hands.

NEIL: Oh sorry, I've on pins and needles.

C. DIRECTOR: OK, turn them over please.

NEIL: Sure.

C. DIRECTOR: Ok, thank you Neil. Now, could you please tell me something about yourself?

NEIL: Yes. I'm Neil and I'm 20 years old.

C. DIRECTOR: I already knew that.

NEIL: Well, yes! I live in London, but I am originally from Bristol. I am studying drama and my

last job was for a television advertisement.

C. DIRECTOR: And ad for what?

NEIL: Underwear!

C. DIRECTOR: OK! Are you ready for the dance audition?

NEIL: Dance audition? I didn't know about that.

C. DIRECTOR: Yes, there's a dance test in this audition.

NEIL: But, why?

C. DIRECTOR: The character is a dancer.

NEIL: I can dance a bit of urban.

C. DIRECTOR: Go on. Show me!

NEIL: Can I have some music?





C. DIRECTOR: Sure! There you go.

(Cue music)

(Neil dances very well.)

C. DIRECTOR: Wow! You're such a good dancer!

NEIL: Thank you!

C. DIRECTOR: Now, let's get to the important part... your lines!

NEIL: Ok. I'm ready.

C. DIRECTOR: But you're going to have some help.

NEIL: Are you going to help me, then? Oh, that's so sweet of you.

C. DIRECTOR: No, Danna Manola is here to help.

NEIL: No way... Danna!?

C. DIRECTOR: Yes... Danna Manola.

NEIL: Danna Manola? Is she here? In the flesh?

C. DIRECTOR: Yes, she is! Come on Danna! It's your turn now.

DANNA: Hello!!!

NEIL: Oh, Danna! I can't believe it!

DANNA: What?

NEIL: I'm a huge fan of yours.

C. DIRECTOR: Ok, we don't have much time... Let's start!





(They start acting.)

(They are in the middle of the stage, looking at each other.)

(Danna can't help laughing.)

DANNA: Oh, I'm sorry, so sorry, he made me laugh.

NEIL: No, I didn't.

C. DIRECTOR: Ok, stand by! Action!

(Danna laughs again.)

C. DIRECTOR: Come on, Danna!

DANNA: Yes, I am so sorry, but he's so cute and that's why he makes me

NEIL: laugh. Please, I want to do my audition.

DANNA: I'm sorry, it won't happen again.

C. DIRECTOR: OK, third time lucky. 3, 2, 1. Action!

(They start acting.)

DANNA: Hey! Do you know who I am?

NEIL: Of course I know you.

DANNA: I am the queen of the cheerleaders.

NEIL: So what?

DANNA: You have to follow me on Instagram.

NEIL: I would never do that.

DANNA: Why? I am the most popular girl in the high school.





NEIL: But you...

DANNA: Me, what?

NEIL: You are so arrogant and mean.

Danna: Yes.

NEIL: And you're always laughing at my friends and me.

DANNA: So?

NEIL: I'll never follow you anywhere.

DANNA: Oh! You piece of sh...

(She stumbles and falls into his arms.)

NEIL: Are you alright?

DANNA: Yes, I've never seen you close up!

NEIL: And... what do you see?

DANNA: Something very beautiful. Can you take your glasses off?

NEIL: I won't be able to see you, then.

DANNA: Just for one second, please. I want to see your eyes.

(He takes his glasses off)

DANNA: Wow! I have just fallen in love with you.

NEIL: Really?

(They sing and dance.)

DANNA: I meet you! I meet you!

(They finish the song.)





NEIL: May I kiss you?

DANNA:

Of course.

(They're going to kiss each other)

C. DIRECTOR: Cut!

DANNA: No! Let us continue. We're concentrating.

(She is going to kiss him again.)

C. DIRECTOR: No way! Neil, I really loved your audition.

DANNA: Me too.

NEIL: Oh! Cheers very much!

C. DIRECTOR: But there are some things I need to discuss with the producers.

DANNA: No, he's perfect for the role.

C. DIRECTOR: Let's see, Danna. (to Neil) May I see you again on Friday?

NEIL: Yes, I'm completely free.

C. DIRECTOR: So, see you on Friday.

DANNA: Hey, I loved your audition.

NEIL: Thanks.

DANNA: Okay, see you next Friday.

NEIL: By. It was an honour to meet you.

DANNA: Do you have Instagram?

NEIL: Yes, I do.

DANNA: I'll follow you. What's your Instagram username?





NEIL: No, there's no h... lamneilstory.

DANNA: Oh! I got you. You have a new follower.

NEIL: Oh! Thank you! I was already following you.

DANNA: Yes, I saw it... Wait! How many followers do you have?

NEIL: 600, I guess.

Danna: That's crap!

NEIL: Well, thank you, but I am not famous as you are.

Danna: I know what you mean.

NEIL: There's always a 'but'.

DANNA: But...The producers want someone with more than 100,000 followers for the role.

NEIL: Really?

DANNA: Yeah, modern times darling.

NEIL: Oh! I've lost my chance.

DANNA: No, you just need to get enough followers before Friday.

NEIL: 99.000 followers? That's impossible.

DANNA: You have to try it

NEIL: But how?

DANNA: OK! Go back home and try to get some followers.

NEIL: OKAY!

DANNA: I'll think of something too.

NEIL: Good.





DANNA: The role will be yours, handsome. Bye!

(Song I met you)





SCENE 2. Ways to Get Followers

NEIL: Claudiaaaaa!

CLAUDIA: What's going on?

(He can't barely speak.)

NEIL: Help!... I need some help.

CLAUDIA: Oh! Neil, are you alright?

NEIL: Yes, it's just that...

CLAUDIA: Neil, you're freaking me out.

NEIL: The audition...

CLAUDIA: Oh! You got the role!

NEIL: No, I didn't.

CLAUDIA: Oh! I'm so sorry.

NEIL: Well, I did but I didn't... and I met Danna Manola!

CLAUDIA: Who?

NEIL: Danna Manola, she's a star.

CLAUDIA: I don't know her.

NEIL: She plays the main role in "Love is for followers".

CLAUDIA: I've never seen that show.

NEIL: Well, she... the... audition... and then the casting director...

CLAUDIA: Neil... I don't understand what you are saying.

NEIL: She wants me to act in series with her.





CLAUDIA: So... Is the role yours, then?

NEIL: Not yet... but I'm almost there.

CLAUDIA: Almost?

NEIL: Yes, the thing is... I don't have enough followers.

CLAUDIA: Followers?

NEIL: Yes, followers!

CLAUDIA: What does that have to do with your audition?

NEIL: The more followers I have, the better chance I have of getting the role.

CLAUDIA: Says who?

NEIL: Danna Manola.

CLAUDIA: How many followers do you need?

NEIL: At least 100.000.

CLAUDIA: How many do you have?

NEIL: 600.

CLAUDIA: Well, that's an impossible mission.

NEIL: Thanks for the encouragement.

CLAUDIA: Neil, my friend. I really believe in you.

NEIL: Well, it doesn't feel like it.

CLAUDIA: I believe in your... talent, but...

NEIL: But?

CLAUDIA: But I think that's all you need.





NEIL: What?

CLAUDIA: You have to trust on your talent.

NEIL: Yes... You are right.

CLAUDIA: Good!

NEIL: But I need more followers to do that.

CLAUDIA: Oh no!

NEIL: Please, help me!

CLAUDIA: How can I help you?

NEIL: I am good at dancing, I should do a live dance.

CLAUDIA: That's a good idea.

NEIL: OK, let's go live on Instagram.

CLAUDIA: ??????????????????????

NEIL: There we go.

(Neil starts dancing very well.)

CLAUDIA: Wow! You are the best, buddy.

NEIL: How many viewers do I have?

CLAUDIA: Let me check! Seven!

NEIL: That's nothing.

CLAUDIA: Now you've lost one now... Six!

NEIL: I can't give up!

(Times passes.)





CLAUDIA: Neil, you've been dancing for three hours.

NEIL: How many people are watching now?

CLAUDIA: Only four.

NEIL: Oh! Damn it!

CLAUDIA: Five now... Wait!

NEIL: What? What is it?

CLAUDIA: Danna Manola is watching now!

NEIL: Are you kidding?

CLAUDIA: No, she just logged on.

NEIL: Danna Manola? Oh, gosh! I'm so embarrassed.

CLAUDIA: Shut up! She's online, so she can hear you.

NEIL: You're right.

CLAUDIA: Come on: Keep dancing!

(Neil dances very badly, because he's nervous.)

CLAUDIA: Claudia: Wait! You have a new post... Kim Possible... The influencer!!!! She

says... "What a shame! He deserves an unfollow!"

NEIL: Did she log off?

CLAUDIA: Yeah, she did! You have lost four followers already.

DANNA: Time to cut the live stream.

CLAUDIA: Neil, I think you should rest for a while. Say goodbye to your viewers.

(Saying goodbye.)





NEIL: Well guys, thank you so much for seeing my live stream, I'll be back soon with

more incredible and amazing shows.

DANNA: Not like this, please.

CLAUDIA: You tried, Neil, but I don't think this is the right path.

NEIL: I'm never going to get the role. I'm finished!

CLAUDIA: Don't give up so easily.

NEIL: See you later, I'm just going to go kill myself. I'll be right back.

CLAUDIA: You'd better prepare for your next audition.

NEIL: Wait! Danna Manola is video calling me.

CLAUDIA: She will tell you I'm right. You better study your lines to do a good audition.

NEIL: Shhhh! Let's see what she wants.

CLAUDIA: That's so mean.

NEIL: Danna! What's up my friend?

CLAUDIA: What are you doing? Just be yourself.

DANNA: Hi Neil! I saw you dancing.

NEIL: Did you like it?

DANNA: Do you want me to be honest with you?

CLAUDIA: Just change the subject...

NEIL: Errrr... How old are you?

CLAUDIA: That's a bit rude!

NEIL: Oh, sorry! I didn't mean to ask you that.





DANNA: No worries, I'm still young, I'm only 20.

CLAUDIA: She looks older.

DANNA: What did you say?

NEIL: I said... That's perfect.

DANNA: What is perfect? My age?

NEIL: Errr...

CLAUDIA: Yes.

NEIL: Yes.

DANNA: Thank you, I guess.

NEIL: Please, be quiet.

CLAUDIA: But...

NEIL: Shut up!

DANNA: Are you with someone right now?

NEIL: Yep, my friend Claudia is here, but she's leaving now.

CLAUDIA: No way, I want to hear everything.

DANNA: I can call you later.

NEIL: No, she was already on her way out... Bye Clau!

DANNA: I called you because I have a good idea on how to get more followers.

NEIL: Really?

CLAUDIA: Neil, I thought you...

NEIL: Shhh! Let her talk!





DANNA: Tonight is my concert at the city arena.

NEIL: I know, almost 20.000 people will be there.

DANNA: A good crowd. Why don't you come?

NEIL: It's sold out.

DANNA: I have two V.I.P. tickets for you.

NEIL: Two?

DANNA: Yes, you can bring whoever you want.

CLAUDIA: Me! Me! Me!

(Neil tries to hide Claudia.)

NEIL: Me! Me!

DANNA: I know your friend is there. You can come with her.

NEIL: Yes, please.

DANNA: OK, listen to me. In the middle of the concert, I invite three fans to come up onstage and

dance with me.

NEIL: Do you want me to come up with you?

DANNA: Yes, so, you can take my mic off of me and scream your Instagram account.

NEIL: Really?

CLAUDIA: Oh, no! Don't do it, Neil.

DANNA: Why?

CLAUDIA: This is going from bad to worse.





DANNA: Unbeliever.

CLAUDIA: What did you call me?

NEIL: OK! I'll do that.

CLAUDIA: No, Neil, think about it.

DANNA: Good choice, Neil.

NEIL: Thanks, Danna. I'm sorry Clau!

DANNA: Ok! Now I have to go warm up my voice for tonight's concert. See you on stage!

NEIL: Thanks, Danna! Break a leg tonight.

DANNA: Bye... What's was your name?

CLAUDIA: Claudia.

DANNA: Ok, Claudia... Don't try to stop on him.

CLAUDIA: I just want the best for him.

DANNA: Don't listen to her, Neil. I'm sure it's going to work. Bye!

CLAUDIA: Oh! I hate her. She's a b...

NEIL: Clau, I need this role on the show.

CLAUDIA: You can get it by yourself.

NEIL: I'm not that sure.

CLAUDIA: Listen, Neil, we won't go to that concert tonight. Now, you have a very important

audition next Friday. You have to prepare for it.

NEIL: I will but let me try the concert.

CLAUDIA: But...

NEIL: I'll do my best in the audition, but please, come with me to the concert.





NEIL:

CLAUDIA: OK, let's go to the damn concert.

NEIL: Yeeeeeeesss!

SCENE 3. The Concert

SPEAKER: Ladies and gentlemen, boys, and girls! Introducing the most popular singer on social

media. With more than 11 million followers on Instagram... It's Danna Manola!

(Danna comes on stage and sings a song.)

DANNA: Thanks! Thank you so much, dear audience. It's so nice to be here with you all!

Wait! I can't hear you!

Hello! Nothing! Hello!

Wow, those are my fans.

I love so much. Is everyone following me on Instagram?Remember... Danna Manola!

(Applause.)

Well, the time has come. I need three volunteers to come up on stage with me and

dance my choreography with me.

Who wants to join me up here?

Oh! I can't see him...

CLAUDIA: She's looking for you. Shout out her!





NEIL: Here!

CLAUDIA: Danna! We are here!

DANNA: I can't see them!

(Neil jumps up and down and shouts.)

NEIL: It's me! Danna!

CLAUDIA: Don't say hat! Nobody should know that she's going to pick you!

NEIL: Yes, you're right! Danna! Me! I'm your biggest fan ever!

DANNA: There they are! You! What is your name?

NEIL: I'm Neil!

DANNA: Ok. Lucky Neil! You can come up here on stage with me!

NEIL: Wow! I'm so lucky. Can my friend come up with me?

DANNA: Of course she can!

CLAUDIA: No! I won't. I'm not going up there. I'm only here because of you.

NEIL: Please, I can't do it by myself.

DANNA: Do you want to come up here?

NEIL: Yes!

CLAUDIA: No!

NEIL: Yes!

(Neil grabs Claudia's hand and drags her over to the stage. They argue on the way.)

DANNA: Okay! I'm going to need two more volunteers! On one condition. Do you want to

know what that is?

AUDIENCE: Yeeeessssssss!





DANNA: You have to be quickest in putting up your hand. So, guys, raise your hands

in 3, 2, 1... you and you! You can come with me to stage.

(They are all on stage.)

(To volunteer one.)

DANNA: What's your name?

How old are you? Are you good at dancing?

But you need to find a special gesture when you finish your dance... so...

spin and gesture!

Very good.

(To volunteer two.)

DANNA: Hi, my friend! What's your name?

Do you live here in this city?

Okay, what's the name of your school?

Wow! Do you have many fans in here?

OK, let's rehearse your final pose. Jump and pose, OK? One, two, three!

Very good!

(Applause.)

DANNA: Ok! You two are friends, right?

NEIL: Yes, my name is Neil.

CLAUDIA: I'm Claudia, but I've never danced before.

NEIL: Claudia! I know you can dance!

CLAUDIA: I'm so embarrassed that I'm going to cry!





NEIL: You have to do it. Do it for me!

DANNA: DM: So, are you ready to dance? Let's see your final pose! One, two, three!

(They bump into each other.)

CLAUDIA: Ouch!

NEIL: Be careful you clumsy idiot!

CLAUDIA: It was your fault!

DANNA: Okay, Okay! It will get better. I'll show you how to do it! Music.

(She demonstrates the dance.)

DANNA: OK! Are you ready? Music, please!

(They all dance very well.)

DANNA: Wow! That was amazing!

CLAUDIA: Hey! I loved it!

DANNA: Thank you very much...

Now, I'm going to...

CLAUDIA: That was such an adrenaline rush.

NEIL: That's OK, Claudia! We've finished.

CLAUDIA: But I want to dance a bit more.

DANNA: You can't, dear. I need to keep singing. This is a concert, remember?

CLAUDIA: But...

NEIL: Shut up! You were only supposed to be helping me!

CLAUDIA: OK! OK!





DANNA: DM: So, guys, thank you very much for coming up here. Now you can

back to your seats. A big round of applause for... (name of a first guest).

Another round of applause for (name of the second guest).

Other round of applause for... What's your name?

CLAUDIA: My name is Claudia but, please, let me dance a little bit more.

NEIL: But Claudia...

DANNA: No, sorry, your time is over now...

(To the audience.)

CLAUDIA: Do you want to see me dance?

(The audience cheer her on.)

CLAUDIA: They want me to dance...

(She does a few steps.)

NEIL: Stop! Stop! Can you please stop now, Claudia? You've done enough!

Danna: Yes, please!

CLAUDIA: I just want to have fun.

NEIL: That's okay, Claudia! We've finished.

CLAUDIA: But I want to dance a little bit more.

NEIL: That was enough, Claudia, you are ruining our plans.

DANNA: Shhh! My fans can't know why you are up here.

CLAUDIA: This is so unfair. I only came here to support you.

NEIL: I don't want your help anymore.

DANNA: Ohh..., time for a bit drama.





CLAUDIA: I thought you were my friend.

NEIL: I don't want to be your friend anymore. Please, leave the stage.

CLAUDIA: But...

NEIL: Leave the stage...

(She leaves the stage, very sad.)

DANNA: Well, dear audience, I apologise for all this inconvenience...

(She approaches Neil.)

Thank you, handsome. You danced very well... May we have your Instagram

username? I am sure everyone wants to follow you.

NEIL: Sure! My Instagram username is lamneilstory.

DANNA: Iamneilstory. Follow him, everyone!

(Claudia is still in the crowd.)

CLAUDIA: No! He's an impostor!

DANNA: What's going on?

CLAUDIA: They know each other. They're lying to you.

DANNA: Security!

NEIL: Yes! Security! Throw her out!

CLAUDIA: No! Listen to me guys, they had a plan all along. They wanted to get followers for Neil.

DANNA: She's a liar.

CLAUDIA: Don't fall for it, people. Danna wants Neil to be cast in her TV show.

NEIL: Oh, no! She's revealing everything.





CLAUDIA: So, they came up with this plot for the concert.

NEIL: Oh, no! I want to die!

CLAUDIA: I've tried to help you! I told you that you didn't need followers to make your

dreams come true. You just had to believe in your talent. But you didn't listen to me. And now you have humiliated me. You might have a million followers now,

but I... just hate you. I'm your hater so... Booh!

NEIL: Claudia!

CLAUDIA: Booh!

SCENE 4. The Live Call

(Neil and Danna walk along the street. They look sad while they are checking their mobile phones)

DANNA: I've already lost25,000 followers.

NEIL: That wasn't a good idea.

DANNA: Did you at least get some followers?

NEIL: A few of them... I have some direct messages.

DANNA: What do they say?

NEIL: They are insulting me.

DANNA: They are haters. Oh! You have a voice message.

NEIL: Should I listen to it?





DANNA: Yeah! Let's do it. Maybe it is a fan.

NEIL: Ok! Let's do it.

DANNA: Hey Neil. I have something for you and Danna.

NEIL: Really?

(Fart like noise)

DANNA: Sorry for this mess. It's all my fault.

NEIL: No Danna. It's no one's fault.

DANNA: I just did it.... Because I liked you.

NEIL: Whaaat?

DANNA: Yep, when I saw you at the audition, I liked you so very much.

NEIL: Well, I must admit I liked you the moment I saw you.

DANNA: But I ruined everything, now you only have haters and I have lost my

popularity. I am not an influencer anymore.

NEIL: I don't mind... I love you anyway.

(They are about to kiss.)

NEIL: What can we do to fix all of this?

DANNA: I have an idea.

NEIL: Another one? Don't worry. Let it go.

DANNA: This one is a perfect one. I mean it!

NEIL: I trust you then.





(She takes out her phone.)

Danna: Now I'm on live. (Epic music sounds.) How many viewers do we have? Just

NEIL: three... Four now.

DANNA: We need more... Come on! Log in to see us!

NEIL: One hundred, oh! One thousand, sixteen thousand, fifty thousand...

DANNA: Ok! What's Claudia's nickname on IG?

NEIL: clauclauclau21

DANNA: I'll call her.

CLAUDIA: Hey guys! Wow One hundred thousand viewers. Are you guys teasing me?

DANNA: Followers, if you agree with what I say give me your thumbs! Do you

agree?

CLAUDIA: Wow! It's amazing. I have never been so popular online.

DANNA: (*To Neil.*) Come on! Tell her that you're sorry.

NEIL: Clau! I'm so sorry. I didn't mean it!

DANNA: Oooohhh!

CLAUDIA: Yes, you were so rude to me.

NEIL: I got caught up in it all and I was so selfish.

CLAUDIA: I know it, but you are so super talented, I told you, you don't need followers

to shine.

Danna: Well, followers are good too, they help you have confidence in your talent.

NEIL: Confidence. That is what I really need now.

CLAUDIA: Of course I forgive you. Neil, you are my best friend forever.





NEIL: An amazing friendship.

DANNA: Now guys listen to me... (To the followers.) Neil needs confidence for his

audition, so please let's send him hearts. So come on Neil... Have faith!

Let's send him hearts!!! Trust yourself! Believe in yourself!!!

SCENE 5. The Final Audition

(Danna and Neil are singing "I Met You" again. Neil looks much more

confident.)

C. DIRECTOR: Wow Neil! That was amazing. I just can't wait to see the Love Scene.

(They get into position and star acting.)

NEIL: Oh please! Unblock me on all of all your social media.

DANNA: Oh Christopher. I blocked you on TikTok because I thought you were a troll.

NEIL: No, I was just too shy, so I stalked yourr twitter account.

DANNA: Yes, I understand... But please, promise me that you won't do ghost

anymore.

NEIL: I promise I will be you number one follower because....

DANNA: Oh yes! Please say it!

NEIL: Love is for followers!

(They're about to kiss.)

C. DIRECTOR: Cut! Okay! I have made my decision! Neil! The role is yours.

NEIL: Oh yes! Thank you! Thank you! (Neil hugs the Casting director tightly.)





C. DIRECTOR: You are welcome, my dear. But I guess it's not me who you want to

hug.

(Neil looks at Danna.)

NEIL: May I?

DANNA: Of Course!

(They kiss.)

The End

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