

Mock Sides: Original Scripts for Workshop Actors

LAUNCHING

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Male - 40+

Synopsis:

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Comedy - Male

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COLONEL

Good morning gentlemen, and ladies.  
Welcome to the Nuclear Launch  
Command Center's Training Facility.  
You have been selected based on  
your exemplary service records and  
psychological profiles. You are the  
top candidates for what could be  
the most difficult job in the  
world. Those of you who will  
eventually be selected may one day  
have to do the unthinkable.

(beat)

Many of you will be eliminated  
during the next few weeks of  
testing. Those who are selected  
will be based in any of our  
undisclosed land-based nuclear  
launch facilities.

(pause)

What you have before you is a form  
we require you to fill out. Are  
there any questions before we  
begin? Yes, Major?

(Pointing)

Those are indeed personality  
surveys.

Sergeant Major?

(Pointing)

Well, yes, let's just say we  
borrowed this from a reputable  
online dating service.

(Pause)

I know some of you may be a little  
confused by this, but you have to  
understand. In the unlikely event  
of a global nuclear attack, you may  
very well be the last people on  
Earth. This is why we have  
recruited a balanced number of men  
and women; all of you are single  
and currently available.

Yes, you in the back?

(pause)

Of course it's necessary.

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COLONEL (CONT'D)

Why do you think we're posting more women on our nuclear submarines?

What good would it do to survive a global nuclear event only to have nothing more a bunch of male seamen, um sailors, to repopulate the earth?

Yes, Henry. Glad to see you made it in. You have a question?

(pause)

Well, let me put it this way, if you have what it takes to launch a nuclear missile, you should have what it takes to pull the trigger afterwards, if you know what I mean. Besides, there will be enhancement supplements and medications for both men and women. Yes...?

(pause)

No, I'm sorry. No one here will be allowed to date one another until we have made the selections and assigned you to your posts. At which time, you will be required to see one of our couple's therapist. Swingers groups are not encouraged, however, during a nuclear winter, who's really going to police that, anyway.

(chuckles)

Okay, that's all the time we have for questions. You have approximately 30 minutes to fill out your survey, before we begin the speed dating rounds. What's that? We're short one male? Oh, well I guess I'll have to sit in on the speed round. Begin your surveys.