



## Synopses & Character Descriptions

### ***Ameliorated*** by Holly Faust & Ben Tollison

**SYNOPSIS:** The story of a high school boy trying to fit in amongst friends at a Halloween party and ends up learning a lot about himself. **CHARACTERS:** **Shawn-** A high schooler who wants to fit in with his friends; **John-** Shawn's quirky, childish brother; **Amanda-** Shawn's friend and party host; **Charlie-** A quiet and pretty girl that John has a crush on; **Hunter-** Shawn's wacky friend; **Ezekiel-** An exchange student who doesn't speak; **Jace and Coop-** Hunter's lackey friends attending the party.

### ***The Lion Tamer*** by Will Brown

**SYNOPSIS:** A casually philosophical and dryly witty story of a Zoo Keeper, whose life has fallen apart, and a lion, his only confidante. **CHARACTERS:** **Zoo Keeper-** A sad, "Steve Irwin like" man in his thirties who believes his life isn't worth living; **Allen the Lion-** A male lion who loves running wild and free but is locked in a 100 square foot cell; **Bar Tender-** Older man who is mad at the Zoo Keeper; **Customer-** Man who is made uncomfortable by the Zoo Keeper; **Child-** Little kid who just wants to know where the Giraffes are; **Mom-** Mother of Child; **Jerry-** Overenthusiastic zoo keeper with no awareness of the Zoo Keeper's depression.

### ***The Adventures of Theseus*** by Nora Gherardi

**SYNOPSIS:** A ridiculous and sarcastic take on a Greek mythological story that follows the bumbling, stumbling Theseus on his less-than-honorable journey to Athens. In an over the top spoof, Theseus battles enemies and commits "heroic" deeds in the hopes of finding his father and assuming his throne. **CHARACTERS:** **Theseus-** A young, strong, arrogant wannabe hero. He's a young boy who isn't very smart, but somehow manages to be very lucky, thus making him confident; **Narrator-** Down to earth and sarcastic, the Narrator is annoyed by Theseus' antics. He seems to be the only normal person in the play, and he's aware of it; **Sciron-** A giant tortoise who looks pretty scary, but is a softy underneath; **Sinis-** Strong and powerful looking, very one-note and brutish, kind of dumb; **Procrustes-** A trickster, manipulative and mischievous, plays an innocent and appealing façade; **King Aegeus-** Theseus' dad, the king of Athens, a strong, powerful, and wise figure; **Ariadne-** Madly in love with Theseus, blinded by her obsession and clearly out of Theseus' league, but she stays very loyal to him

### ***Dumpling Talks*** by Parker Bennett

**SYNOPSIS:** Lilli is an employee at a small Chinese restaurant. Most days she stands behind the cash register gossiping with her co-workers and taking orders. At 19 years old, she's just trying to get through her next shift. Adam, also a young college student, is a regular at Po's, and though he comes in to get dinner for his girlfriend, his meeting with Lilli keeps him coming back day after day. **CHARACTERS:** **Lilli-** 19 with a charisma and energy not befitting of a late-shift hostess; **Adam-** a young college student; **Kelsey-** a gum-chomping, curvy woman with an undeniable swagger; **Frances-** an older, more weary-looking mother; **Po-** The restaurant chef and owner.



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### ***Façade*** by Jaden Goldfain

**SYNOPSIS:** Four high school friends struggle with their own personal demons in *Façade*, a story about being vulnerable and open with the people you trust most of all, and showing resilience in the face of adversity. **CHARACTERS:** **Lilly** - A bright, energetic girl who's always looking to help her friends out and struggles with the things that visit her at night; **Tyson** - A somewhat reserved, stoic boy; **Delanee** - A witty, intelligent girl who loves music and academics; **Austin** - A brilliant, sweet; **Shadows** - A quick appearance as the aspects of Lilly's night terrors; **Michelle** (Voice Only) - Delanee's strict mother; **Lilly's mom** (Voice Only)

### ***Roadkill City, TX*** by Zoe Luévano

**SYNOPSIS:** In a small, sunburnt town in Texas, Sunshine Samson is released from jail after a 5-year sentence. Facing a neglected friend, her mother, and an unwanted visitor, Sunshine must navigate all that has changed in 5 years. **CHARACTERS:** **Sunshine**- a recently released convict with a fiery temper; **Kiko**- Sunshine's best friend; **Momma**- Sunshine's mother, a Southern woman through and through; **J**- A slimy rat man with a questionable past.

### ***The Submarine*** by Will Brown, Roie Karni, & Truman McCaw

**SYNOPSIS:** Three guys in a submarine. There's tragedy, there's comedy – but most of all, there's a submarine. **CHARACTERS:** **CHIP**- The leader. Aggressive, confrontational, but he has heart. The cheesiest, by far; **LUIS**- The campy, slightly under-intelligent one; **JACK**- He's not trying his best, but he's trying. The slightly-above-intelligent one; **MAN**- Actually in charge. Fairly easy-going guy.

### ***Hotter Than Blazes*** by Sawyer Hill

**SYNOPSIS:** Right after being thrown into adulthood because of graduation, three boys deal with the consequences of another's possible actions at a roadside diner. **CHARACTERS:** **Clyde**: nice guy, very blunt with his opinions, intelligent; **Ken**: rude, none of the friends really like him; **Graham**: very nice, doesn't want to hurt anyone's feelings; **Alan**: very sarcastic, thinks he is hilarious; **Art**: owner of a diner; **Driver**: urgent to get Buster help, loyal, strong southern accent; **Buster Perkins**: very happy despite his physical condition, a politician, salesman personality, older man, strong southern accent; **Patricia Holmstrom**: police officer, blind in one eye, takes her job seriously, not very smart.