

MONOLOGUE – JONAS

FROM *HOODIE*

by Lindsay Price

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Stats	Dramedy - Simple set - 35 minutes
Casting	4M+7W, Expandable to 18W 13M
Description	Jonas would rather pull the fire alarm than shower in front of other boys.
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JONAS: *This* is not a natural disaster. My cousin lost his house in a tornado. One second – house. Next second – toothpicks. *This* is not that. It’s worse. (*pointing offstage*) I have to go in there. And shower. I can’t do that. My gym teacher, Mr. Jerkowski? He laid down the law. That is his real name. Some guys, they emphasize the JERK in Jerkowski. I don’t. Never. “Owski” all the way. I’m not stupid. So he laid down the law. I think he made up the law, just so he could yell, “Hit the showers!” That’s what he says. “Hit the showers, men!” He calls us men. “All right men, hit the showers.” I don’t want to hit the showers. I don’t want to punch the showers. Swing at the showers. I can’t even look at the showers. I can’t go in there. (*as if to teacher*) Mr. Jerk-OWSKI I can’t go in there. (*as Jerkowski, army growl*) “Why not?” I can’t explain. That’s the problem. I can’t say, I don’t want the other guys, the men, to see me. I’m not stupid. I know I don’t look...I don’t look normal. Like them. How do I say that to Mr. Jerkowski? It’ll go bad. He’ll completely brush it off. (*as Jerkowski*) “It’ll be fine, Mugler. No one’s looking at you.” Lie. Total lie. Or worse? (*as Jerkowski*) “Suck it up, Mugler! Are you a man or a mouse?” That’s something else he says. If you shed one tear after getting smashed in the face during dodgeball, if your eye even gets the teeniest bit wet – (*as Jerkowski*) “Man or a mouse? Man or a mouse?” Why am I not a man

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if I think getting hit full speed in the face with a rubber ball is painful? Why is there nothing in-between man and mouse? Or the worst – (*as Jerkowski*) “Attention men! We need to have a little talk about acceptability. We aren’t going to have any issues here with acceptability are we? Mugler here isn’t normal. We know that. Mugler don’t give me that look. You know you’re not normal. But that’s no reason he can’t shower with the rest of you.” Hole. Floor. Me. I can’t say anything. I can’t shower. I would rather pull this fire alarm and get suspended. So that’s what I’m going to do. And if I have to pull this fire alarm every time I have gym, I guess I will. One. Two. Three!

JONAS makes a pull gesture and runs off. 🐭