

CASTING CALL

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Short Film: KILLING TIME

When a clumsy and disorganized criminal kidnaps a young man, they discover that his scheme of ransom may not have gone exactly to plan...

Matthew

Matthew is a young 20-something-year-old male (18-25). Despite coming from wealth, he downplays his style often seen in baggy clothes with a shaved head. Personality-wise, he is severely depressed and suicidal and is indifferent towards the situation he finds himself in. He simply does not care that the kidnapper has threatened to kill him.

The Kidnapper

The kidnapper is a disorganized man in his mid-twenties (25-30). He sports a large mustache to match his large stature, but under all of the disguise is a big softie. He is surprised by his victim's mindset and believes himself to be somewhat of a psychiatrist.

Please respond via email or reach out on mobile.

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Bristol, England.

AUDITION EXCERPTS FOUND BELOW.

MATTHEW

INT - BASEMENT - NIGHT

A young man, in his early twenties, has his head covered in a potato sack. He breathes heavily, just coming back into consciousness. His hands are tied behind his back. A masked figure whips the sack off his head.

MATTHEW

What is this?

KIDNAPPER (RECORDING)

To the parents of Matthew O'Connell, I have your son. You have 24 hours to send fifty thousand pounds to this location or he's dead.

MATTHEW

Sounds good.

KIDNAPPER

Wait, what?

MATTHEW

I mean, I hate my life anyway so it'd just be a waste of money really.

KIDNAPPER

No no no no, you're fucking with me?

MATTHEW

Oh no no no mate, honestly, if you could just pull the trigger now, you'd be doing me a favour. Although, I guess it would be a little bit interesting to see if they actually pay up. The way things are with my parents, there's no guarantees.

KIDNAPPER

Fucks sake, hold on.

THE KIDNAPPER

INT - BASEMENT - NIGHT

KIDNAPPER

Look, listen, Matt, is it alright if I call you Matt?

MATTHEW

Bit informal for my taste, but I'll allow it.

KIDNAPPER

Alright, Matt, my name is Evan. Mike! My name is Mike, how are you doing today?

MATTHEW

Oh, not particularly great mate, I'll be honest with you.

KIDNAPPER

Alright, Matt, I really need you to understand that your life is a hundred percent worth living, so you and I are gonna have a little chat. Let's see if we can't figure this all out.