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Authentic Performance Improvisational Scenes

The Five Ingredients:

- Who
- Where
- Relationship
- Conflict
- Want (and why do I want it?)

Parent / Grandparent

Sister

Brother

Child

Spouse/Partner/Prior Spouse or Partner

Close Friend

Close Neighbor

Close Employee/Employer Relationship

Close Business Partner Relationship

Any Close Relationship

Private environment with only two people interacting, although it could be in a public place.

Conflict is usually created by competing wants.

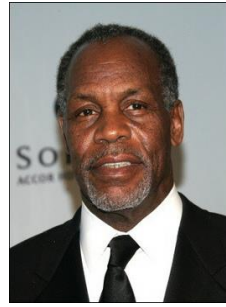
When in doubt about want, go back to relationship.

Close relationship is important because of the subtext.



Mother/Grandmother
 Wife/Partner
 Sister
 Aunt
 Friend

Kimberly



Father/Grandfather
 Husband/Partner
 Brother
 Uncle
 Friend

Bob



Child or Parent
 Brother
 Spouse/Partner
 Teacher
 Employer/Employee

Jesse



Child or Parent
 Sister
 Spouse/Partner
 Business Partner
 Teacher

Robyn



Sister
 Child
 Student
 Niece
 Friend

Megan



Brother
 Caretaker
 Child
 Nephew
 Employee

Glen

Scenario Ideas:

Jesse and Robyn are brother and sister with an elderly, ill parent. One wants to care for the parent at home and the other feels an assisted care facility would be best.

Kimberly and Bob have been married for over 30 years. Bob returns from a trip with his buddies, to celebrate his retirement, knowing he wants to move with his wife to a tropical paradise. Kimberly wants to accept their daughter's request to take care of their grandchild during the day – in fact, she is delighted with the idea of opening a day care center for their grandchild and other children.

Robyn and Megan are sisters. Robyn, diagnosed with late stage and presumably untreatable cancer, is a strong believer in natural treatment methods. Megan has learned of a rare appointment opening with a radical doctor with experimental treatment methods; she wants to grab the appointment for Robyn while it's open.

Megan and Glen are close friends. Glen has realized his feelings are more than just friendly and wants to invite Megan to the formal holiday ball. Megan, sensitive to Glen's feelings and devoted to the friendship, wants to go with his new roommate, with whom she has become quite taken.

Glen, raised by his uncle Bob, comes home from his first semester in college to explain to Bob he plans to drop out of school to pursue an acting career. Bob, who has no children of his own, has been grooming Glen his whole life to take over the family business, and eventually his fortune.

Kimberly has long been the family attorney and a close family friend. After the wealthy patriarch's death, it falls to her to tell estranged youngest daughter, Megan – who left the family nest young to pursue her dreams – the only thing she was bequeathed in the will was her father's prize winning rose bushes.

Jesse and Robyn had a whirlwind romance and got married within just days of meeting. While shopping for their first Thanksgiving dinner together, they realize Robyn and her family are all vegetarians and Jesse and his family are all hunters.

These are just examples to give you some ideas: Dip into your imagination and come up with your own wonderfully creative ideas! 😊

Authentically Yours,

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