

## **MOTHER AND SON AUDITION PASSAGES**

### **PRINCIPAL ROLES**

(It is preferred that these passages are memorized please)

### **MAGGIE**

ARTHUR: Mum, where's your phone?

MAGGIE: Somewhere you put it. I told you I don't like this new-fangled phone that you carry all over the place. I liked the old phone where you always knew where it was...

You go out, you leave me on my own with no phone. Who knows what might happen? The house might catch on fire and I might need to ring the emergency whatsaname but too bad about that because someone doesn't put the phone back where it goes.

### **ARTHUR**

MAGGIE: I don't like it when you're mad at me.

ARTHUR: You can't do this, Mum. You can't start something and then forget all about it. Next time you'll burn the house down and I don't want to come home and find you like one of those charred fish fingers! I don't know what I'm going to do with you. It's getting so I can't leave you at home on your own....

It's not just that you're giving money away to anyone who comes to the door or rings up and says they're a charity, it's not just that you're doing 'deals', now you came close to burning the house down. Apart from the problem of what am I going to do with you while I'm at work, what am I going to do with you when I go away?

### **LIZ**

LIZ: Do you realise you're the only person in the world I can show this to? I haven't got a single friend I can really trust. Oh, Arthur, you're not going to take that holiday are you? You do understand about your mother, don't you? I want my children to have a positive image of the elderly, and your mother just isn't... positive.

### **ROBERT**

ROBERT: I'm in trouble. I'm being blackmailed. I had a patient who wanted a lot of crowns. I told him 'your roots are not secure' but he insisted and they all fell out. Now he blames me and he's making trouble. He must've come in here while I was meditating, drugged me, stripped me naked and took photos on my phone. Did the same to Sharron, my hygienist. Then he put the phone in my jacket pocket where Liz must've found it. That's what I'll tell Liz when I get home.

### **ANITA:**

Hi. Is this a good time? Bad time? Anyway... hello Mrs Beare. Arthur talks about you all the time. All good by the way, yeah. And I thought, I want to meet this wonderful woman that I'm hearing so much about. And I thought I should meet you before I go away with your most precious son.

## **SUPPORTING ROLES**

(These passages are not required to be memorized)

### **BRONTE:**

Happy Birthday for yesterday Grandma. I had to go to ballet rehearsal...  
See my new ballet shoes? I'm going to be in the school concert at the end of the year. But not tap. Only big dumb girls do tap because they're too clumsy to be ballerinas. Like Goldie, she's in my class and oh my god she is so clumsy.

### **JARROD:**

Could you lend me some money, Grandma? Not much, just about a hundred and twenty dollars. What happened was, I was showing some kids at school my skateboard, and this other kid grabbed it out from under me and ran away and I can't get it back. I'll get in trouble unless I can get another one exactly the same for one hundred and twenty dollars.

### **STEVE:**

Hi, I'm Steve. Here for the aged care assessment. I have a few questions for you Mrs Beare. I'm on a bit of a tight schedule and if it's all right with you, I wouldn't mind getting on with this. I'm going to say a sentence to you and I want you to say it back to me. No ifs and no buts. Can you say that back to me?

### **MONICA:**

Bra straps. I hate them. But you go into town and what do you see? Girls everywhere showing their bra straps. No, they know they're doing it. It's deliberate. They're pushing their tops off their shoulders and they're saying Look at me, I'm being trendy, I'm being oh so cool, I'm showing my bra strap. Sometimes you see the whole bra. I want to go up to them and say Excuse me, Miss. This is underwear. There is a reason it's called underwear. It goes under what you wear. It makes them look cheap.

### **MAN ON PHONE/VOICES:**

*(Hoax phone scammer, perhaps with an accent. Lines will be read off stage)*

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