Lexie Woodroof Production Company

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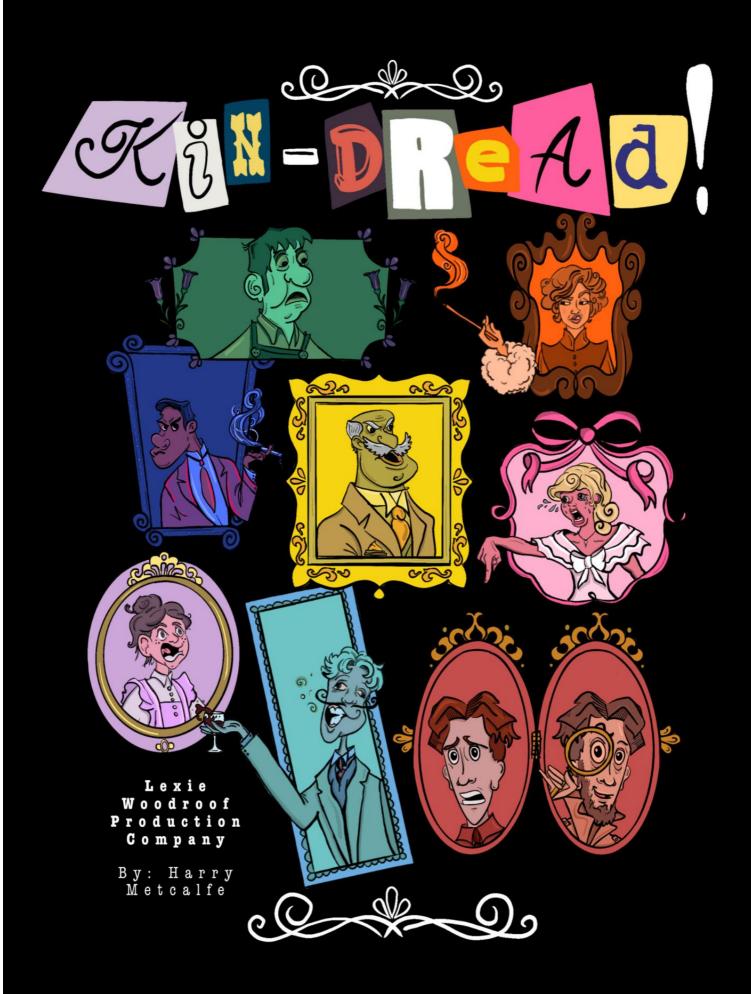
April 5th, 2025 Stratford, London

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## Summary:

1882, the Renford family oversee the small mining town of Fughley, in Southwest England. The established wealthy Renford family join new and old friends at Havling's Mansion for the upcoming nuptials of Lord Lawrence Renford and Sophie-Grace Allbrook. Disaster strikes when a suspicious note threatens the life of Earl Sebastian Renford, the family patriarch. Speculation is immediately thrown onto the starving people of Fughley, as the family have made their fortune from mines that townspeople work and maintain. However, while the family protect themselves by hiding in the mansion, Laurence, the heir to Havlings Estate and Mines is gruesomely murdered.

# Requirements:

Please prepare a 1-2 minute comedic monologue. Preferably a farce comedy- Noises Off, Clue, and Mystery of Edwin Drood are all excellent examples of what the casting team are looking for! We are accepting self tapes for actors unable to attend inperson auditions, though we prefer to see your comedy in the room!

## Key Dates:

Auditions April 5 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) in Stratford, London Recalls April 7 (5:30-9:30 p.m.) in Stratford, London.

Rehearsals 3 days per week between June 2 - Aug. 6 Performances Aug. 7 - 9 at Courtyard Theatre

### Character Descriptions:

- Sebastian Renford is 50-75 years old, male presenting, and speaks with an exaggerated RP dialect. He is loud, snappy, demanding, domineering, comedically perverted, going mad, and incredibly high brow. Sebastian is father to Allison and Lawrence (possibly more), he is also in a torrid affair with Clara, and he is the Earl of Fughley, Havlings Estate, and the Mine. We will be asking for an RP dialect at auditions.
- Lawrence Renford is 20-30 years old, male presenting, and speaks with a standard RP accent. He is son and heir to the Havlings Estate and Mine, engaged to Sophie-Grace, younger brother to Allison, and best friend to Monty. He is sweet, kind, innocent, unaware, comedic, and is one of our murder victims. After Lawrence is murdered, the actor will come back to play the Detective.
- The Detective is 20-30 years old, male presenting, and speaks with a heavy South-West/Devon accent. He wears a mustache. The detective is comedic, exaggerated in all his movements, sneaky, quizzical, and hilarious. We will be asking for two distinct dialects for actors auditioning for Lawrence/Detective
- Monty Banks is 20-30 years old, male presenting, and speaks with a standard RP accent. He is a childhood friend of Lawrence, and Allison by extension, and he is jaunty, obsessed with women, smooth and suave, charming, a true gap year type. He is constantly flirting with Clara and Sophie-Grace, with no success to his dismay. We will be asking for a standard RP dialect at auditions.

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- Clara Thorpe is a 25-30 year old, female presenting, any ethnicity, maid to the Havlings Estate. She is clever, secretive, comedic, sarcastic, blunt, and the heroine of our story. She speaks with a South-West modified Devon dialect, and does have a few moments of stage combat (no experience required). We will not be asking for specific Devon dialects, but a general RP/Posh dialect will be asked in auditions
- Sophie-Grace Allbrook is 18-25 years old, female presenting, and speaks with a terrible impression of RP dialect. She is Lawrence Renford's fiancée, and she is ditzy, bubbly, excitable, comedic, silly, wholesome, innocent, and sweet. Sophie-Grace is from the small mining town (Fughley) which is overseen by the Earl of Fughley (Sebastian Renford). We will be asking for a few sentences of dialect in auditions.
- Allison Renford is 20-28 years old, female presenting, and speaks with an exaggerated RP accent. She is quick, snappy, demanding, highbrow, comedic, and is usually sneering. Allison is the eldest daughter of Sebastian Renford, sister to Lawrence Renford, and she is married to James Lutaint. We will be asking for a few sentences of an RP dialect at auditions.
- James Lutaint is 20-30 years old, male presenting, and speaks with a crude, stereotypical French accent. He is married to Allison, and made fun of by all (he is called "taint" through out the show), and is snobbish, high brow, very physicalized comedy, and he is absolutely devoted to Allison, despite her horrid attitude. We will be asking for dialects at the audition.

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• Ernie Parson is 35-45 years old, male presenting, and speaks naturally with a South-West/Devon accent, though he attempts a semi-successful RP. He is the Head of Staff at Havlings Estate, and oversees himself and Clara. He constantly follows Sebastian around, catering to his every need. Ernie is snobby, judgmental, highbrow, and generally slower paced. We are particularly looking for queer actors to portray Ernie. We will be asking for a few sentences of dialect at auditions.

Self Tapes are due by Saturday April 5th, 10:00am We reccommend uploading your tape to youtube and emailing us the link. We look forward to seeing you!

That's all Folks! Scan the QR code to book your audition slot!



If you can only audition via Self-Tape, or any further queries, please email kindread2025@gmail.com