

MAN CON

A short play

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Cast of Characters

NERD MAN: Late 20s to early 30s

QUIRKY MAN: Late 20s to early 30s

MAN MAN: Late 20s to early 30s

ANNOUNCER VOICE

TIME

Now.

PLACE

The main conference hall at Man Con.

(Two men enter and take in the scene at Man Con. They wear name tags that read NERD MAN and QUIRKY MAN. Their manner and dress reflect their descriptions without being overtly stereotypical. They are both very keyed-up to be in attendance.)

NERD MAN

Wow, we made it. We're here. We're actually here.

QUIRKY MAN

Man Con. Man Con.

NERD MAN / QUIRKY MAN

Man Con. Man Con. MAN CON!

NERD MAN / QUIRKY MAN

Yes!

QUIRKY MAN

Vibrant. This is gonna be the best Man Con ever.

NERD MAN

Much better than last year.

QUIRKY MAN

Way better. Last year was about as exciting as needle point tapestries.

NERD MAN

Look at this place. All these people. This is enormous.

QUIRKY MAN

Yeah, it's a good turnout.

NERD MAN

Look at 'em all. I mean look at 'em. Is this place packed or is this place packed? I mean, am I right?

QUIRKY MAN

Yeah, it's packed out.

NERD MAN

There's Muscle Man.

QUIRKY MAN
Yep. He looks good.

NERD MAN
He looks huge.

QUIRKY MAN
Tall Man.

(They look up.)

NERD MAN
Short Man.

(They look down.)

QUIRKY MAN
There's Hairy Man.

NERD MAN
Yep. And Very Hairy Man.

QUIRKY MAN
Whoa. Yeah. He practically doesn't need a suit.

NERD MAN
Look. Cigar Man.

QUIRKY MAN
That's totally vibrant. I didn't think he was going to make it this year. I see Slouch Man.

NERD MAN
Oh yeah, looking nice and slouchy. Who is that?

QUIRKY MAN
Where?

NERD MAN
Over there. By that huge crowd.

QUIRKY MAN
Must be Popular Man.

NERD MAN
Wow. Popular Man. Here at Man Con.

QUIRKY MAN

They really spared no expense this year.

NERD MAN

I'll say. Oo, Assimilated Man.

QUIRKY MAN

Nice robe.

NERD MAN

Healthy ponytail.

QUIRKY MAN

Is that—?

NERD MAN

Huh. I think it might be. You think?

QUIRKY MAN

Definitely. New Father Man.

NERD MAN

Can't be. How would he get away for the weekend?

QUIRKY MAN

Don't know, but there's Married Man.

NERD MAN

Wowee. Well, if New Father Man can make it, I guess Married Man could make it too.

QUIRKY MAN

Working Man.

NERD MAN

Yep. Clumsy Man.

QUIRKY MAN

Look out for that tray of hors d'oeuv— Oo.

NERD MAN

Owee.

QUIRKY MAN

Oh. Turn around. Pretend were having an intense conversation.

NERD MAN

Why?

Just do it.

QUIRKY MAN

(They turn around and talk in intense gibberish.)

Okay, we're clear.

QUIRKY MAN

Who was it?

NERD MAN

QUIRKY MAN

Leech Man. He would have latched his powerful suckers on to us and remained fastened all weekend.

NERD MAN

Thanks. Well, what should we do first?

QUIRKY MAN

I don't know. Let's see if we can find a-

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Attention all men.

QUIRKY MAN

Oh, here we go.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Attention all men. Welcome to Man Con.

QUIRKY MAN

Thank you.

ANNOUNCER VOICE

All of our facilities are at your disposal.

QUIRKY

Great.

ANNOUNCER VOICE

The obnoxious laughter tournament will take place in the west conference room beginning in thirty minutes. Quiet, inner reflection will be held in the east conference room. The introvert man-posium has been cancelled. Repeat, the introvert man-posium has been cancelled.