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**MR. WORMWOOD – Audition Script**

As part of your audition, you’re required to ***memorize and perform the lines below*** and a ***song***. The song is listed beside the audition piece, however, if you can’t find that song then you may sing a song of your choice (a verse and a chorus)! ***(But, extra points for doing the required song!)***

\*\*\*I have attached the YouTube link for each song with lyrics.\*\*\*

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**MR. WORMWOOD**

Everyone, gather round; I want my family to share in my triumph.

*(to MATILDA)*

Not you, boy.

**MATILDA**

I'm a girl!

*(MATILDA hovers, uninvited.)*

**MR. WORMWOOD**

One hundred and fifty-five old bangers on my hands. How could I possibly make the mileage go back? I couldn't very well drive each one backwards could I?

**MICHAEL**

Backwards.

**MR. WORMWOOD**

When suddenly I had the most genius idea in the world! I grabbed a drill and, using my incredible mind, I attached the drill to the speedometer of the first car, turned it on and whacked it into reverse.

**MICHAEL**

Back... wards.

**MR. WORMWOOD**

Exactly! Within a few minutes I had reduced the mileage to practically nothing.

**MICHAEL**

Backwards!

**MR. WORMWOOD**

Ten minutes later the Russians show up. Expensive suits, dark glasses-

**MRS. WORMWOOD**

Russians are nocturnal; I saw it on a program last night.

**MATILDA**

That was a program about badgers.

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**MR. WORMWOOD**

In business, son, a man's hair is his greatest asset. Good hair means a good brain.

*(MR. WORMWOOD removes the towel, revealing his hair is now bright green.)*

*(MRS. WORMWOOD and MATILDA enter.)*

**MRS. WORMWOOD**

Your... hair! It's... It's... green!

*(MRS. WORMWOOD holds up a mirror.)*

**MR. WORMWOOD**

My hair's green!

**MRS. WORMWOOD**

Why on earth did you do that?

**MATILDA**

Maybe you used some of mummy's peroxide by mistake?

**MRS. WORMWOOD**

That's exactly what you've done, you stupid man!

**MR. WORMWOOD**

My hair! My lovely hair?

*(sudden thought)*

I've got my deal today! The Russians... what am I going to do?

**MATILDA**

I know what you can do.

**MR. WORMWOOD**

What?

**MATILDA**

You could pretend you're an elf.

**MR. WORMWOOD**

What are you talking about you fool? The boy's a loony.

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**<https://youtu.be/trwNb114qFg>**

**AUDITION SONG: “TELLY”**

*MR WORMWOOD  
Somewhere, on a show I heard  
That a picture tells a thousand words  
So telly if you bothered to take a look  
Is the equivalent of like.....lots of books!  
All i know I learnt from telly  
This big beautiful box o' facts  
If you know a thing already  
Baby you can switch the channel over just like that!  
  
Endless joy an endless laughter  
Folks livin' 'appily ever after  
All you need to make you wise  
Is twenty-three minutes plus advertisements  
Why would we waste our energy turnin' the pages 1, 2, 3  
When we can sit comfortably on our lovely bufferlees  
Watching people singing, and talking, and doing stuff  
All I know I learnt from telly  
The bigger the telly the smarter the man  
You can tell from my big telly  
Just how clever a feller I am*