



## MONOLOGUES

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### ***Game Night (Humans Only, Please)* by Laura Neill**

*In an apocalyptic future, the nerds who have made the library their base are worried about their friend Avery who went out for food and never came back. When the soccer team arrives on their doorstep, they're suspicious as they debate whether to let them in. Just as the conflict comes to a head, Avery returns—shockingly wearing a soccer jersey.*

#### AVERY

I JOINED THE TEAM.

*(Everyone stares.)*

I was never dead and I was never going to break in and get gummy worms from Rite Aid, I wanted to play soccer, okay, I've always wanted to play soccer, I like the grass and the mud and the movement and the adrenaline and the kicking and the shoving and the scoring and the team thing and the passing and the rush and the wind and the sky and the getting out of breath because I'm doing something, and the winning and the losing and the orange slices and the stupid shin guards and the long socks and the dumb jerseys, and back when it existed I liked the audience and the rules and the refs and all those things don't exist anymore, but I still like the cleats and the tendons and the sweat and I like my cleats leaving holes in the actual ground and I like getting dirt all over my sleeve and tearing just enough skin off my leg on a slide to bleed and look amazing but not break any bones but even if I did break a bone I WOULD STILL LIKE IT because I LIKE SOCCER! ...And none of you ever understood, you were always making these jokes about how stupid soccer was and how great we were and so I thought well, if I want to fit in I can't join the team, and then the world ended and climate change sunk our town and mutant lizards who can shape-shift into people invaded and Blaze didn't come back so I thought this is my last chance, you know, so when I went scouting a couple weeks ago I didn't go scouting, I didn't actually check the east for scales and tails, I haven't been checking at all the last few weeks because I didn't want everything to just be about the world ending, I went to practice, I went to soccer practice because I love soccer and I play soccer and I joined the team.

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**Length:** 35-40 minutes

**Cast Size:** 9 actors (9 any)

**Genre:** Sci-fi dark comedy

**Synopsis:** It's game night at the end of the world. The library is one of the only places still above the water line, and the nerds are living it up while they can. But when the soccer team shows up because their field went underwater, they begin a more dangerous game. A high-stakes dark comedy about mutant lizards, climate change, and being the generation born to watch the water level rise.