

## **MONOLOGUES**

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## <u>Margaret Cradmeier's Catalogue of Minor Yet Helpful Uncanny Abilities</u> by Alan Haehnel

(A student group is assigned a school project.)

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## MARGARET CRADMEIER'S CATALOGUE OF MINOR YET HELPFUL UNCANNY ABILITIES by Alan Haehnel

Length: 25-30 minutes

Cast Size: 16-30 actors (suggested casting: 3F, 13 any)

**Genre:** Comedy

**Synopsis:** Margaret Cradmeier may not be the easiest person to get along with, but her message about people is ultimately hopeful: We do not need superheroes or magicians to accomplish the important tasks in life; we need people with "myhuas"—minor yet helpful uncanny abilities. With her limited supply of patience and barely-contained temper, Maggie attempts to work with her Ensemble to explain myhuas. The task would be impossible, though, if not for Maggie's stalwart supporter, Allen, an Ensemble member who works tirelessly to keep the show on track. Fortunately for the audience, Allen believes Maggie's intentions are more important than her faults.

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