

Apocalypse Radio - Casting Call

Apocalypse Radio is a short episodic audio drama about a person running a radio station in the zombie apocalypse while they wait for the military to evacuate them to the moon. The station runner (Mason) helps a caller (Will) to navigate to the nearest survivor camp before the evacuation happens, falling in love along the way.

Title: Apocalypse Radio

Type: Short episodic scripted audio drama, paired with a video with character art on youtube and clips on tiktok.

Length: 8 episodes about 1000-1300 words in length each, about 3-6 minutes per

Recording: Remote, Asynchronous (for the most part self-directed but feel free to ask for direction as well!)

Project Communication: Via Discord

Compensation: Unpaid

Audition Deadline: September 1st, 2024

Creator: Haven Blaine

Some characters are only present for one episode as the episodes happen in a sort of interview format. Roles will show the approximate word count as well as how many episodes they're in.

Additional Notes:

- I believe that voices are not gendered, so feel free to audition for any character no matter what you sound like!
- If you connect with a character but would like their pronouns changed, contact me for discussion. Some characters must keep their pronouns but others are flexible.
- Apocalypse Radio contains a lot of injury and tension, but no named character death.

Audition Instructions:

- Please audition with the recording set-up you plan to use for the show.
- Do not edit (noise cancellation, etc) your reels other than editing out takes you don't like.
- Sometimes other characters' dialogue is included in a character's audition lines for context. Just leave short pauses between the intended character's lines to account for this.
- Only one take of each line is required, but feel free to send two instead in the format of **AABBCC**. Please do not send more than two.
- You may audition for up to five characters.
- Save your files as mp3s with the name "[YourName]_[CharacterName].mp3".
- Send your files to us with [this google form](https://cstng.cc/projects/apocalypse-radio), or audition at <https://cstng.cc/projects/apocalypse-radio>.

Mason (they/them)

Will (he/him)

Esme (they/them)

Wyncyn (he/him)

Mrs. Wimofrey Wilder (she/her)

Daethie (she/her)

Tairam (he/him)

Jule (she/her)

Sesra (she/her)

Mason (they/them) (ALREADY CAST)

~2800 words, 8 episodes

Mason is the disabled genderqueer main character. They run the radio station in the Kitmouth Mall. They are an outgoing, mischievous person who tries to keep up everyone's morale in the apocalypse.

LINE ONE

- God, I hate that. No one should be on their own in the middle of the apocalypse. It's soul-crushing enough to look outside and see good people turned into shambling monsters, but to do it without a support system to keep your head on straight? I'd go insane.

LINE TWO

- WYNCYN
Well, what are you gonna do? *Not* tell him?

MASON

No, of course I'll tell him. Hell, he might be listening right now. Tairam, there's a person out there who needs our help.

WYNCYN

Tairam hates the radio station, you know that.

MASON

Right, well. I *tried* to tell him, didn't I? All my listeners can attest to the fact that I *tried* to tell Tairam. It's not my fault he never listens to my broadcasts.

LINE THREE

- DAETHIE
Will, will, will, look who finally calls.

WILL

Uh, who are you and how do you know my name?

MASON

Oh, buddy, everyone here knows your name. I'm their only ongoing source of entertainment in the apocalypse, so you can bet your ass they're listening in.

Will (he/him) (ALREADY CAST)

~1500 words, 8 episodes

Will is the love interest. He calls into the show for help getting to the mall where all the survivors are at. He's a loner with a dry sense of humor who got a crush on Mason from listening to their radio show since the apocalypse started, and he can come off as rude to strangers due to how blunt he is.

LINE ONE

- WILL

Actually, I was never with a group. I hid out in my house until I ran out of supplies, and even then I only ventured out because I happened to dial in to your station on the radio.

MASON

I thought you discovered us in the radio shop?

WILL

[embarrassed] No, I, I listened to you before then. I just happened to be in the radio shop when I realized I really needed help, and you were the only person I could think of to call.

LINE TWO

- WILL

Absolutely. I think I could burn soup.

MASON

Well, yeah. Soup can be burnt.

WILL

What? I thought soup was like, one of those things you couldn't mess up. I was making a joke.

LINE THREE

- I... I really, really care about you, Mason. I know I haven't known you long, it's only been a few days, but... I've been listening since you first started your show at the beginning of the apocalypse. And I- I think- [pause] I think I'm falling in love with you.

Esme (they/them) (ALREADY CAST)

(ez'-may)

~610 words, 4 episodes

Esme is an interviewee and new at the survivor camp—they become one of Mason's close friends. They are a kind, trusting individual and Tairam's assistant. They have a dog named Scout.

LINE ONE

- MASON

Great! So, Esme, while I still have you... what do you think of the camp so far?

ESME

It's great! The kids love Scout and Scout loves the kids, and everyone's been so welcoming.

MASON

Even Tairam?

ESME

Especially Tairam! I was so afraid I wouldn't be able to help out much, but he makes sure to give me jobs that don't scare me.

LINE TWO

- Even Scout agrees! He's going to get here with plenty of time, Mason. Just take a deeeep breath and don't panic.

Wyncyn (he/him) (ALREADY CAST)

(win'-sin)

~600 words, 4 episodes

Mason's best friend, one of the chefs at the survivor camp. He's a responsible man who worries about breaking rules and keeping secrets.

LINE ONE

- (awkwardly) And that's that for today's weather segment, which, again I have to stress: completely bullshit. I just looked at the sky... and guessed. So.

LINE TWO

- Look, I'm not bashing Tairam. He gave me a place here, and hell, he's almost like my dad in some ways. But Mason guiding Will here is going to go down like them bringing home a stray puppy, and we know how Tairam feels about dogs.

LINE THREE

- If Mason's staying, then I'm staying. There's no way I'm gonna let my best friend in the world stick around in the middle of the zombie apocalypse with a near stranger for weeks on end. I'm with you, Mace.

Mrs. Wimofrey Wilder (she/her)

(Wim'-uh-fray wile-der)

~370, 3 episodes

One of the survivors, a soon-to-be-mother who will be giving birth any day now. She's a calm, kind woman who takes care of the kids in the mall.

CW: Mrs. Wilder goes into labor during the show.

LINE ONE

- **MASON**

So, in your opinion, on a scale from West Arkmunster to Blackpool, how well suited is Kitmouth to the zombie apocalypse we've come to know and love?

WILDER

Well, love is a strong word, dear. But frankly, I think we're far better off than those poor folks in Arkmunster. You know, there's a reason they got evacuated first. Their streets are full of potholes.

LINE TWO

- **MASON**

Alright, alright. Anything else you'd like to say to our mostly-undead audience?

WILDER

Sure. George, if you're out there, I hope your business trip was awful, and please know that I don't expect you home in time for dinner, let alone evacuation.

LINE THREE

- I think- I think the baby is coming! Very suddenly and very quickly!

Daethie (she/her)

(die'-thee)

~470 words, 3 episodes

Daethie is a member of the military who stayed behind at the last evacuation to protect the people waiting for the next. She is a total badass.

LINE ONE

- DAETHIE

I'm teaching a defense class for Esme and the kids—I think even Mrs. Wilder is coming. You know, you could attend, too, if you have the energy.

MASON

I'll think about it. It would be pretty sick to learn how to use my crutches as weapons. Then again, if they broke...

DAETHIE

Those clunky things? They are not breaking anytime soon, babe.

LINE TWO

- Mason, the military isn't going to like waiting. They have a schedule to stick to, other areas to evacuate. If we don't go now, we'll have to wait for the next evacuation in our area, and that could be weeks from now.

Tairam (he/him)

(tie'-rum)

~250 words, 3 episodes

Tairam is a semi-antagonist, as Mason works to keep a secret from him. He is the leader of the survivors, and is strict in his rules.

LINE ONE

- God, I can't believe... Another survivor... Whatever. If he gets here in time, it's not my problem anymore, someone else will be keeping track of rations. And if he doesn't get here in time, then... I'm sorry, Mason.

LINE TWO

- No! You just had a baby, you and Naomi are going with the evac crew. Sesra, Jule, Aaron, Elris, Sylrie, and you two, you're all getting evacuated.

Jule (she/her?)

(jewel)

~440 words, 1 episode

Jule is one of the survivors and interviewees. She and her husband only recently moved to Kitmouth.

LINE ONE

- JULE
Tairam sent me up to be your next interviewee.

MASON

Awww, he does care.

JULE

He was worried you'd burn the mall down if you got bored.

LINE TWO

- We just don't have the people to spare. Even if Tairam was on board with Will joining us, we wouldn't be able to send a team out to meet him—especially not this close to the evacuation. At best, Daethie will run across him on a scavenging run, but with the evacuation so close...

Sesra (she/her?)

(sez'-ruh)

~250 words, 1 episode

Sesra is one of the cooks at the mall camp, and an interviewee. She used to own a coffee shop with her girlfriend.

LINE ONE

- Yes, she... she was turned at the beginning of the apocalypse. A zombie bit her, this was back when we hardly even knew the virus was transferred by bites. We just tried to clean it normally as we quarantined, but then I woke up one morning to her groaning in the bathroom, and... and I...