LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE

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FUN ACTING GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY BUS STOP

A popular game that explores making up characters while encouraging listening and discovery skills.

RULES:

Two chairs are placed next to each other in the center of roomthey become the bus stop bench.

Player 1 enters and sits on a chair, they are a normal neutral character waiting for the bus.

Player 2 enters, sits down, and begins to interact with/talk to Player 1. (Player 2 is an unusual character who can have a quirk or some silly plan he wants Player 1 to be a part of.) Player 1 stays normal and polite and just wants to relax but Player 2 doesn't stop bugging them!

The scene is short; it can last about 30 seconds and is over when Player 1 decides Player 2 is just too weird and walks off with some silly excuse like:

"I have to go walk my fish" or

"I need to take my cat to his karate class!"

Player 2 then moves over and becomes just a normal neutral character waiting for the bus and a new person with a funny personality (Player 3) walks on and creates a short improv scene with Player 2. The process repeats as Player 2 leaves after awhile with some silly excuse. Players can keep rotating to play the normal and unusual characters in this exercise.

You can't move the chairs in this game but the annoying strange character can move around the room as they act out their scene.

Notes to remember:

Player 1 can <u>react</u> to Player 2 but doesn't start acting like them. Player 2 doesn't need to touch Player 1 to be an effectively bothersome character. So no messing up hair or poking allowed in this game!!