

BIT PLAYER

An Audio Play by David Beedle

PROJECT NARRATIVE FOR PERFORMERS

Bit Player chronicles a B-level television actor willing to do anything for film glory, and the agent who can make it happen — for the right price.

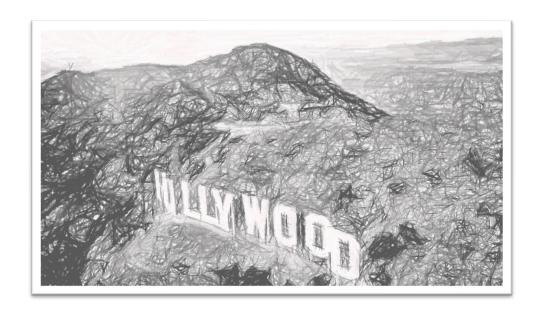
Hollywood. 1972.

This was going to be Jake Keltner's year. His rise to fame would be spectacular: A brash, bright light in the firmament of Hollywood's young leading men. Oscar's heavenly golden glow would shine upon him. Agents would kneel before him. Women would unashamedly throw themselves at him.

At least that's the way Jake pictured it.

Now, after two years of bit parts and bad choices by an inept agent, Jake has had enough, and he is taking control of his destiny.

But what Jake Keltner is about to learn is that the only starring role he'll ever attain is the one he plays in real life: the handsome, young hotshot doomed to sabotage a sure thing by taking an ill-advised shortcut to the top.



THE CHARACTERS

Jake Keltner. A struggling actor ready to do anything to reach the pinnacle of the acting game. Confident, cocky, and sure he's loved by everyone, Jake is tired of commercials and minor roles on bad cop shows. And now he's found someone to blame for his slow rise in Hollywod: His agent, Tom Levy.

Sonny Silver. He's a Hollywood agent -- just not Jake's. Sonny is a silver-haired, handsome man with a golden voice so deep he moonlights as a voiceover artist. Everyone loves Sonny. He's Mr. Perfect ... and Jake's ticket to the top.

Audrey Tippett. Up and coming director, ready to put in the hard work to build her career. She's also the goody-two-shoes thorn in Jake's side.

Tom Levy. Jake's hapless agent and manager. A roadblock to Jake's success. Thing is, in only six months, Tom got Jake national TV commercials, sitcom roles, and a guest spot on TV's biggest show. So who's really hapless, Jake?

Carol Young. Jake's high school sweetheart who called off the relationship once college came along. Jake wants her back, but Carol's too smart to be taken in by a kind-of famous actor she used to date.

And featuring ...

The Narrator. The man who weaves Jake's cautionary tale for us, and who, apparently, has a horse in this race. He knows all the scoops and he's quick with a joke -- but how well do we really know this guy?

If performing a role in *Bit Player* piques your interest, please click or call.

Questions? Interest? Please click or call. And thanks.

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I have three decades of work experience as a writer, video editor, producer, and animator. I am well-versed in the world of audio editing and production — and the power it holds in the storytelling process.

My website is devoted, luckily enough, to my writing and my audio plays. My blog has been active for more than seven years with almost one-hundred posts reflecting on life — either real, or totally made up.

Bit Player is an adaptation of an original story that first appeared in my book, Punk Party and Other Accounts of Mischief, a collection of short stories published in 2021.

Bit Player is my second audio play. The first, a Christmas-themed comedy, Last Call at the Crusader Lounge, can be heard on my website, DavidBeedle.com.

