

BIT PLAYER

Bit Player chronicles a B-List 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 a disastrous shortcut to the top.

ROLE TYPES

MAJOR ROLES: These characters have a major impact on story. If possible, no single individual should play two Major roles. Lots of dialogue.

MINOR ROLES: These characters recur or have strong supporting implications to the story or a character. These characters could be secondary voice performances for actors playing Major Characters. A low-to-moderate amount of dialogue.

BIT ROLES: Characters that have just a few lines of dialogue, but their presence has a necessary impact on the story. These characters can be secondary voice performances for actors playing Major Characters.

EXTRAS: One or two lines at the most. Vital for background and atmosphere.

CHARACTERS: MAJOR ROLES

JAKE KELTNER: JAKE is a struggling actor ready to do *anything* to reach the pinnacle of the acting game. He's brash, cocky, and sure he's loved by everyone. Jake is tired of commercials and minor roles on bad cop shows and blames his slow rise in Hollywood on his agent, Tom Levy. Now he thinks he's found his ticket to the A-List: a man named SONNY SILVER.

NARRATOR: The unnamed, mysterious who weaves JAKE'S cautionary tale for us, and who, apparently, has a horse in this race. Incredibly confident, he knows all the scoops and he's quick with a joke - - but how well do we really know this guy?

SONNY SILVER: SONNY is a Hollywood agent. Unfortunately for JAKE, he's not his agent. 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 TIPPET: AUDREY is an up-and-coming writer and director, who is putting in the hard work to build her career. She's also the goody-two-shoes thorn in JAKE'S side.

TOM LEVY: TOM is JAKE'S hapless agent and manager -- and in JAKE'S eye, a roadblock to his success. Yet TOM has booked JAKE on national TV commercials, sit-coms, and some of TV's biggest show. So who's really hapless, JAKE?

CHARACTERS: MINOR ROLES

CAROL YOUNG: CAROL was JAKE'S high school sweetheart, but she ended her relationship with him once college came along. JAKE wants her back, but CAROL is too smart to be taken in by a sort-of-famous actor she used to date.

DON STROUD: DON STROUD played countless supporting guest-starring roles in TV dramas in the 1970s. His fictional appearance here is as an actor that works with JAKE at a pivotal moment in JAKE'S life.

ALAN LUDDEN: ALAN LUDDEN was the host of the game show *Password* for decades. His fictional appearance here takes place during JAKE'S disastrous appearance on *Password*.

SALLY STRUTHERS: SALLY STRUTHERS is most famous for her appearance on the 1970s TV show, *All In The Family*. Her fictional appearance here takes place during JAKE'S disastrous appearance on *Password*.

CARLA: TOM LEVY'S secretary (to use the 1970s term for "Assistant."). She has to deliver devastating news to JAKE.

CHARACTERS: BIT ROLES

WAITRESS 2: (Female) Kind of an airhead. But not so much of an airhead to be fooled by JAKE.

ALEX: (Male) Young recording studio intern.

PASSWORD ANNOUNCER: (Male) Gameshow announcer.

PASSWORD DIRECTOR: (Male) Calls out direction in the background during gameshow breaks.

DETECTIVE GARRISON: (Male) LA Cop who's making arrests and reading suspects their rights.

CHARACTERS: EXTRAS

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT: (Female) During audition.

SILVIA: (Female) Stagehand In College Play.

PROFFESSOR: (Male) College Professor.

WAITRESS/SIBYL SHEPHERD: (Female) Waitress who looks like a famous actress.

VOICE/GENE HACKMAN: (Male) Famous Actor.

SEAN SULLIVAN: (Male) (Maybe British) Famous Director.

STEVE MCQUEEN: (Male) Famous Actor.

SALESWOMAN: (Female) At menswear shop.

SALESMAN: (Male) At jewelry store.

TV DIRECTOR: (Male) During "Barnaby Jones" shoot.

PASSERBY (JIM): (Male) Shout-out in a hallway.

PASSERBY (FREDDY): (Male) Shout-out in a hallway.

PASSERBY (TAYLOR): (Male) Shout-out in a hallway.

BUDDY EBSON: (Male) (Older) Famous Actor.

OPERATOR: (Female) Answering service operator.

PASSWORD ANNOUNCER 2: (Male) Announces clues for the audience.

FEMALE CONTESTANT 1: (Female) Password Contestant

FEMALE CONTESTANT 2: (Female) Password Contestant

MALE CONTESTANT: (Male) Password Contestant

RECORDED MESSAGE: (Female) Automated telephone response.

GATE ATTENDANT: (Male) At gated entranceway of Hollywood studio.