

TRAPPED IN THE LIFT

Gender: Any

Genre: Comedic

Description: A terrified person is trapped in an elevator.

(Actor mimes getting into the elevator, pushing the button, and having the elevator start up and then lurch to a stop.)

No. This isn't happening. This is it. My nightmare has come true. I'm going to die. The cable is going to snap and I'm going to fall hundreds of stories. (*Rapidly breathing.*) I'm running out of air. I've got to get out of here. Which button do I press? This red one is for emergencies, right? Or is it the blue one? NO. Probably the red one. Use your head. Think. Think. Oh heck, I'm just going to press all of them. (Presses the buttons. Waits.) Nothing's happening. There should be a siren or something. Help! Help! I'm trapped in here! Anyone? Where's my phone? (Digging through bag, checking pockets.) Oh no, please no, I left it charging at home. Okay, calm down. Just calm down. What do I have to eat or drink. (Rifling through bag.) Two sticks of gum. I'm going to die. (Slumps to the floor.) No one knows I'm in here. They're not going to find me until my rotting corpse starts stinking up the building. This is a dream, right? (Pinches himself/herself.) Nope. I'm awake. I'm having a nightmare, but I'm awake. So, this is the way it ends for me. I'll never get married, or have children, or finish my snake skin collection or fulfill my life-long dream of being a fortune-cookie writer. (Lies down on the floor.) Okay God, take me now. I'm ready. (Hears noise.) I can hear the angels. They are coming to get me. Wait a minute. (Sits up.) That doesn't sound like angels. (Jumps to feet.) Hello! I'm in here! I'm still alive! (Elevator doors open. Actor leaps out, pantomimes hugging rescuers.) You found me just in time! I've been in there for days! What? It couldn't have been just five minutes! Fine. If you say so. But from now on, I'm taking the stairs.