GAME ON!

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OPTION C: Must be a satire about being forced to participate in an unfair bonus round of a writer's tournament using Simply Scripts writers as characters.

Based on actual words spoken by SS Alumni. Names have *not* been changed to protect the innocent, & creative license has been used just a teeny bit.

RENE

I knew it. I knew something was up! Zack wants to watch us squirm.

LC

Yeah, he's a little stinker.

STEVE

I would just like to say to everyone that skipping this round would be like a baseball player vying for the batting title and sitting out the final round -

DRONGO

- Let's not forget though, some players are mentally scarred, from the last round especially.

PAUL

It's going to be hard to run Bill down for sure, but we can try!

KHAMANNA

Is this actually real? Or am I imagining things?

MARNIE

For cryin' out loud!

ANTHONY

Yep, into extra time we go.

MARNIE

Has anybody else got any other pearls of wisdom apart from baseball analogies? Dammit! I was ready to go back into hibernation for a couple more years and now Zack pulls this?

ERIK

Don't look at me. I'm just the new guy. I will say, however -

ARTHUR

- Can I say something? I'm new too.

KHAMANNA

Thorny Dragon, right? Welcome!

ZACK?

If I may just butt in for a moment. This round can help your averages.

DON

Really? I thought it was just to give them bragging rights? Okay, now even I'm confused.

DRONGO

(turns to Erik)

I am the Mozart of screenwriting. I'm why Michelangelo painted on ceilings. Leonardo dreamed of being me. Einstein, Bohr, Newton, so many others stood on my shoulders and I wasn't even born in their times.

ERIK

Yeah, you're the bestest, mate. All I care about is beating Steve. If I don't, I'm deleting my account and you will never hear from me again.

MARNIE

Listen up, all of you. Zack might be evil but he warmed my ice cold heart... Besides a crapload of grievances in my journal, I hadn't written anything in almost two years. And he made it possible! But now it's like, just when I thought I was out, he pulls me back in.

BILL

He has to know he's setting us up for more brutal feedback. Not to mention that crippling page count.

RENE

Yeah, everybody knows any decent post-apocalyptic world building requires more than two pages.

JOHN

It's utterly baffling is what it is! A real Buzzkill. You know what, I'm off for a cocktail or four to think about this.

KATHY

Hmm... If I may... I just have one question for y'all... Can one of the characters be a Nurse?

JTF

Jeez, don't ask me. Can somebody just tell me where to submit?