Happy Train Item VO Kyle Holmquist

NOTE: These small pieces of VO are triggered when an item is picked up the first time. They're comedic and meant to illustrate the game's hyperbolically dark world wherein people are absolutely awful to each other, around the turn of the century.

Top Hat VO

Concept: A wealthy factory owner's worker dies of exhaustion, so he's getting a portrait made of him so his family can remember their father's hard work.

FACTORY OWNER

Now, now, don't cry.

Your father didn't work himself to death at my factory so you'd be sad.

LITTLE BOY
But, how will we afford to eat?

FACTORY OWNER

Well, I'm paying for this portrait of your father, so perhaps he can inspire you with some of his legendarily hard-working attitude! You're what, six years old? Practically a man! And fit to work, I reckon.

Stack of Letters VO

Concept: A wealthy elderly woman is mailing letters off to her family, informing them they're being removed from her will because she found a hot young man and he's done more to make her life better than all of them combined.

POSTAL WORKER

Welcome to the Post office. How may I help you, ma'am?

ELDERLY WOMAN

I need to send these off to my family.

POSTAL WORKER
Ohh, how nice. Christmas cards?

ELDERLY WOMAN (Happily)

No, I'm removing them from my will - they never made me happy.

But you see this gorgeous, strapping young man here?

He's going to help me enjoy my old age.

Pocket Watch VO

Concept: A father teaches his child to swim.

SFX: Water splashing

CHILD
(Drowning)
Help meee!!
Glug glug glug

FATHER

I threw you in there to teach you to swim, just like my father did for me. When the time's up, I'll pull you out!

SFX: Pocket watch ticking

Wait a beat.

FATHER

Alright, time's up!
Daddy will get you now!
Pause

Oh, that's right... I never learned to swim, either...

Elevator Handle VO

Concept: An Elevator Operator tricks people into believing they're about to die - as a joke.

SFX: Elevator ding, the manual door is opened. People getting onto Elevator.

ELEVATOR OPERATOR What floor?

SFX: The manual door is closed.

HOTEL GUEST

The lobby, Liftman.

SFX: Elevator ding.

ELEVATOR OPERATOR

Going dow- OH NO, I THINK THE CABLE'S OUT!!

HOTEL GUESTS

Screaming

SFX: Elevator ding

ELEVATOR OPERATOR

(Laughing)

Ohh, just kidding, folks - have a nice day!

SFX: Operator opens manual door while laughing and speaking his line.

Drama Mask VO

Concept: An actor is sad no one thinks they're great, so they're going to fake their own death but accidentally kill themselves instead.

ACTOR

They don't celebrate my thespianism now, but they will when they see I'm not actually dead!

ACTOR

(Stabs self with knife)

Hurk Ohh... I thought this was my retractable prop knife...

Death Noise