

Information on the Audition Sides for *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*

There are three audition sides (scenes):

Audition Side A consists of 5 pages (pages 13 - 17) and involves the following characters: Masha, Sonia, Vanya and Spike. This scene is early in the play and occurs just after Masha and her boy-toy, Spike, arrive from Hollywood. She is returning to the family home in rural Connecticut to sell the house because she can no longer afford to pay for its upkeep.

Audition Side B consists of 3 pages (pages 8 - 10) and involves the following characters: Cassandra, Vanya and Sonia. It is early in the morning and Sonia and Vanya are in the sunroom having coffee. They have had a disagreement and Sonia in frustration has smashed both their coffee cups on the floor. Cassandra enters with dire prophecies about their futures.

Audition Side C consists of 4 pages (pages 32 - 35) and involves the following characters: Nina, Masha, and Vanya who are preparing for a costume party at a neighbour's house.

The setting is the sunroom of a large, old farmhouse in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The sunroom overlooks the back lawns, gardens and a pond. (Incidentally Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is where Christopher Durang, the play's author, has a large, old farmhouse.)

The time is the present.