

## **PANDE-MONIUM: SCENES FROM QUARANTINE**

A one-minute play in tableaux by Jake Lewis

*Setting: A living room with two parents and two young children. (Music is encouraged to play in the background. Depending upon your interpretation, it can be silly -- a la "The Bennie Hill Show" or melodramatic/serious, like some new age piece. Or it can change per tableau! I heard the theme song to the film "K-PAX" in my head as I wrote this.)*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 1."*

*FAMILY is in a frozen tableau shrugging, as if they're saying, "No big deal." Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 2."*

*FAMILY now is shown, all smiles, heading towards the front door to go on a hike. Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 3."*

*FAMILY is shown in a frozen tableau doing crafts, reading. Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 4."*

*FAMILY is shown in a frozen tableau, all sleeping. Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 5."*

*FAMILY is shown playing video games, watching TV, looking at phones. Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 6."*

*CHILDREN are shown in a frozen tableau, screaming, making a mess. PARENTS look like they're restraining their temper. Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 7."*

*PARENTS are in a frozen tableau, holding an empty toilet paper roll. Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 8."*

*FAMILY is in a frozen tableau, all mad at each other, crying. Lights fade.*

*A person on the side of the stage holds up a card that says "QUARANTINE - DAY 9."*

*FAMILY is gathered together on the couch, or looking out a window, embracing each other. Lights hold for a longer period of time, then fade to black.*

The End