

JABBED & PARANOID

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Genre: Psychological Drama, Surrealism, Dark Comedy

LOGLINE: When Janelle develops bizarre symptoms after vaccination, she spirals into a psychological nightmare of paranoia, conspiracy, and terrifying uncertainty.

CASTING CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

1. JANELLE LECHELLE

Lead | Black Deaf Female | 20-30's

A college student consumed by fear of microscopic threats. She compulsively scans and sanitizes everything until bizarre symptoms shatter her sense of control.

Note: Deaf Latina actresses or other authentically qualified performers may be considered and are encouraged to submit.

2. BLUE MILES

Supporting | Black Deaf Male | 20-30's | Drug Dealer

A streetwise young man who rejects masks and supports the anti-vaccine movement. His connection to Janelle brings danger and unpredictability. Hearing or Deaf actors; BASL and/or ASL required.

3. NOKIA WALKER

Supporting | Black or Latina Woman | 30s

Janelle's close friend and a rigid safety enforcer who uses a collapsible copper pointer to maintain six-foot distance. Her extreme precautions fuel awkward dark comedy. Hearing or Deaf actors; BASL and/or ASL required.

4. ELIAS REYES

Supporting | Latino Man | 30–50

A Bible-quoting germaphobe convinced the apocalypse is near. He distributes masks and sanitizer while spreading air-filtration conspiracy theories. Eccentric, darkly funny, and unsettling. Hearing or Deaf actors; and ASL required.

5. DR. RILEY PALMER

Supporting | 30+ | Any Ethnicity | Any Gender | Deaf/Hearing

Janelle's calm primary care physician, offering medical explanations as Janelle's symptoms and suspicions intensify.

6. DAKOTA REED, NURSE, RN.

Supporting | Female | 30+ | Any Ethnicity

7. DR. MORGAN SLOAN

Supporting | 30+ | Any Ethnicity | Any Gender | Deaf or Hearing

A mysterious impostor posing as a scientist who manufactures drugs in an underground lab.

8. DR. ADRIAN CROSS

Supporting | 40+ | Any Ethnicity | Any Gender | Deaf or Hearing

A secretive scientist developing an experimental vaccine in a shadowy underground laboratory. Brilliant and calculating, Cross hides the truth behind the research.

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