

# THE 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACTING AWARDS

**SCENE:** A Hollywood awards ceremony. Two television presenters are interviewing some famous actors and a director on the red carpet.

**ROLES (5):** Nadia St Sloan (TV presenter), Karl Kogan (TV presenter), Chris Plunkett (movie star), Mandy Moon (movie star), John East (movie director)

**READER AGES:** 10 years and over

**NADIA:** Welcome to Hollywood's night of nights! This is one of the most dazzling occasions on the Hollywood calendar and we can't wait to bring you all the action.

**KARL:** That's correct, Nadia! The event that we have all been waiting for has finally arrived! I'm buzzing with anticipation!

**NADIA:** So am I, Karl! All the stars here tonight are vying for some of Hollywood's most prestigious awards. The question on everybody's lips is... which movie will win the coveted Best Picture award?

**KARL:** It's safe to say that one of the biggest movies of the year is John East's thriller, *Desperate Falls*. It stars the ever-popular actor, Chris Plunkett, alongside the amazing new talent, Mandy Moon. I must say, Nadia, I don't think I've ever seen a movie that has had me gripping to the edge of my seat quite like this one.

**NADIA:** I know exactly what you mean, Karl! This blockbuster has more thrills, spills, ups, downs, twists and turns than a rollercoaster ride!

**KARL:** (*laughing*) That's exactly what it was like, Nadia... being on a rollercoaster! But enough talking from us. We are fortunate enough to have the stars of *Desperate Falls* right here with us on the red carpet, along with the film's director. Here they are, ladies and gentlemen... superstar Chris Plunkett, the up and coming Mandy Moon and the critically acclaimed director, John East.

**NADIA:** (*gushing*) Welcome, welcome everybody! It is such an enormous thrill to be speaking to you all at such a fabulous event!

**MANDY:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with us. We are all very excited to be here.

**KARL:** Tell me, Mandy, did you ever imagine having the opportunity to star in a John East film?

**MANDY:** *(laughing)* Well, I always dreamed about performing wonderful roles and working with the best directors in the industry, but it is certainly hard to believe that it's actually happened. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to work with such amazing people. It's wonderful that all my years of hard work are finally paying off.

**CHRIS:** I must interrupt here and say that working with Mandy was an absolute pleasure. She was the ultimate professional throughout the filming of the movie and her performance was outstanding. Mandy has an amazing career ahead of her.

**NADIA:** Wow, that's incredible feedback from Chris. How does that make you feel, Mandy?

**MANDY:** *(modestly)* Chris is being far too kind. It was a privilege to work with him and I learned so much from the scenes we had together. He's been such a mentor to me.

**KARL:** Well, it seems that you two have a very strong friendship, both on and off the screen. Time to turn our attention now to John East, the film's director. Welcome, John.

**JOHN:** Thank you, Karl. It's always lovely to chat with you and Nadia.

**NADIA:** Can you describe for us what it was like directing a film that you had also written yourself?

**JOHN:** It was a truly wonderful experience, Nadia, though I did put a lot of pressure on myself to make my vision come to life exactly as I had imagined it. What did you think of the film, Karl?

**KARL:** Well, Nadia and I were just saying that we thought watching the film was like being on a rollercoaster. There was so much excitement!

**JOHN:** *(proudly)* I like that... like being on a rollercoaster! I'm so glad you both enjoyed the movie.

**NADIA:** It's definitely a contender for my top film of the year.

**MANDY:** Wow! That's great to hear!

**KARL:** John, can you tell us how *Desperate Falls* came about?

**JOHN:** Well, my brother and I used to write stories when we were at school together. We both enjoyed writing and would often discuss various ideas for movie scripts. *Desperate Falls* was the first script that we ever wrote together. We never imagined anything would come of it. When I started working in the industry a few years ago, my brother reminded me that the script was still sitting in a drawer. I pulled it out and started sharing it with some contacts that I'd made. I think it has worked out pretty well, don't you?

**MANDY:** *(laughing)* It certainly worked out well for me, John!

**CHRIS:** It's funny to hear that such an amazing film was almost never made. (*jovially*) Do you have any other scripts lying around in drawers that we could work on, John?

**JOHN:** I'll be sure to have a look for you when I get home, Chris!

**NADIA:** Well, Karl and I want to wish you the best of luck with all of your nominations tonight... a record 11 nominations including Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director and, of course, Best Motion Picture!

**CHRIS:** Thank you so much, Nadia and Karl. It's been fun.

**MANDY:** This has been such a thrill. I've always wanted to be interviewed by you two!

**KARL:** (*to the audience*) So there you have it, folks, the amazing team behind one of this year's most popular films. *Desperate Falls* is still playing in cinemas around the country, so treat yourselves and see it while you can!

**NADIA:** Don't change that channel, ladies and gentleman. Stay tuned for all the live and exclusive action coming your way from the 45th Annual Acting Awards.

**THE END**

