THE ROUTE

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CHARACTER LIST

PIZZA HAT MANAGER: Looks like a manager.

GEORGE: A college age delivery guy.

JIMOTHY: Young looking, acts like a child, isn't one.

ERIC DEBRAVÉ: Tall, muscular, strong-jawed. The only character that really needs to be male.

PHIL: A wacky scientist type.

JOHN WEST: The most stereotypical cowboy.

POLICE: The Police

ABSTRACT:

Jimothy's first day as a Pizza Delivery Boy! What wacky adventures will antics will he get himself and his friend, George, into?

Author's Note:

We have written this play making assumptions about the character's and cast's genders, however the actual genders of the characters do not matter, with the exception of the characters that have their gender specifically mentioned in the descriptions above. We can discuss renaming characters with the directors should they change the genders of any of the characters.
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SCENE 1

INT. PIZZA HAT - DAY

PIZZA HAT MANAGER

Order up!

The manager hands George a pizza bag. You know, the red ones that keep the pizzas warm.

GEORGE

Thanks. (Looks at bag, confused)
Where are the addresses?

PIZZA HAT MANAGER

The new kid has 'em.

GEORGE

... New kid?

Jimothy enters, holding paper in hand.

JIMOTHY

(Too excited to be working at a pizza place) HEY THERE!

PIZZA HAT MANAGER

George, this is Jimothy.

GEORGE

... Jimothy? Can I call you Jim?

JIMOTHY

(In the same tone of voice as before. Excitedly, not angrily)
No!

PIZZA HAT MANAGER

George, I want you to bring Jimothy with you. It's his first day and someone needs to show him the ropes.

GEORGE

(sigh) Ok. Come on, kid. We don't wanna take too long, the pizza's free if we take more than half an hour.
JIMOTHY
Oh boy! A time crunch! This sounds like an adventure!

GEORGE
(Correcting him) ...Pizza delivery route...

They exit.
SCENE 2

EXT/INT. DEBRAVÉ'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

GEORGE
Okay. This is our first delivery of the night. Go ring the door bell.

JIMOTHY
OH BOY!

Jimothy rings the door bell. Eric Debravé opens the door

ERIC DEBRAVÉ
Why hello there! Are you two the adventurer's I've been hearing so much about?

JIMOTHY
We sure are!

GEORGE
(Simultaneously) We're here with the pizza?

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Are you Eric (looks down at sheet) deh-brah-vee?

ERIC DEBRAVÉ
(Proudly) Eric The Brave at your service!

GEORGE
Um... Can I call you Eric?

ERIC THE BRAVE
(In the same tone of voice as before. Proudly, not angrily) No!

GEORGE
... So anyway. That's one large cheese pizza. That'll be $18.73.

ERIC THE BRAVE
Okay!

Eric pulls out his wallet
Then here is your coin!

Eric presents a comically large golden coin to George. George stares blankly at Eric.

Eric the Brave (cont'd)

(More enthusiastically) Then here is your coin!

Jimothy

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SCENE 3

EXT. DR. DOOMPOLYCALPSE'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

George, Jimothy, and Eric the Brave are approaching the next house and encounter one of those big metal trash cans you only ever see on TV.

ERIC THE BRAVE
Look, friends! A chest! It must be full of treasures of unimaginable wonder!

JIMOTHY
I sure do love wonder!

GEORGE
That's... um... a trash can?

JIMOTHY
Oh yeah?! If this is a trash can, then what do you call this?!

Jimothy pulls a banana peel out of the trash can.

GEORGE
Trash.

JIMOTHY
Oh...

ERIC THE BRAVE
Don't worry, young one. I'm certain more treasure awaits us.

Jimothy returns the peel to its rightful place. Eric the Brave and George move onward. Jimothy lightly kicks the trash can out of disappointment. He ruffles through and pulls out another comically large gold coin.

JIMOTHY
(Dejectedly) Yeah.... just trash... (Noticing the others are gone) Hey guys! Wait for me!

Jimothy joins the party outside the next House's door.

JIMOTHY (CONT'D)
Hey George! Can I ring the bell again?
GEORGE
(Unenthused) Yeah, whatever you want kid.

Jimothy rings the doorbell. Eccentric-looking scientist, Phil, opens the door.

PHIL
Hello!

GEORGE
Yeah, we have pizza for one
(looking at sheet) Phil.... Doompocalypse?

PHIL
That's DOCTOR Doompocalypse to you! I didn't go to Harvard-Yale to be treated like a plebeian.

GEORGE
... Can I call you Phil?

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
(In the same tone of voice as before. Furiously, not angrily) No!

GEORGE
Fine... jeez. Anyway, that's one large cheese pizza. That'll be $5.

ERIC THE BRAVE
Hey, wait! That's way less than you charged me!

GEORGE
He used a coupon.

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
Yeah, I used a coupon.

GEORGE
Anyway. $5.

Dr. Phil Doompocalypse produces his wallet and from it a comically large gold coin.

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
Do you have any change?
ERIC THE BRAVE
Tough luck, he doesn't take those.

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
What kind of savages don't accept these? (sighs) Do you take MasterCard?

GEORGE
(In a "no shit" tone of voice)
Yeah, of course.

Dr. Phil Doompocalypse hands George his card. George does what you do with a card.

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
So, young one, would you like to see my inventions? I've been looking for someone your age to test it on.

JIMOTHY
Boy, would I!

Jimothy runs inside. Eric the Brave follows.

GEORGE
(Calling inside) Jim...othy!
Wait, we have another pizza to deliver!

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
Oh, you can come inside too. It should take no more than 15 minutes.

GEORGE
Um... I really should get going.

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
(kind of harshly) Well, the kid's not coming out until I've finished my tests.

Dr. Phil Doompocalypse closes the door.

GEORGE
Ugh... I can't leave without him.

George looks around annoyed at the situation and eventually comes to accept he has to wait.
Authors' Note: We would like to request that the New Voices intermission be inserted here. The joke can still carry without it, but it comes across stronger with it. If it is not placed here, we'll trust the director to get the scene across.

George waits on the doorsteps (during the intermission).

BACK TO SCENE

The door to the house opens. Jimothy and Eric the Brave exit the house. Jimothy is holding some sort of old timey type toy (paddleball, ball-in-cup, really anything with a ball on a string).

ERIC THE BRAVE
That was astounding!

JIMOTHY
Sure was! It sure would be unfortunate for anyone to have missed that amazing and wondrous experience.

ERIC THE BRAVE
And who would have thought that the secret to time travel was gerbils!

Dr. Phil Doompocalypse pops his head out the door and waves.

DR. PHIL DOOMPOCALYPSE
Thank you young one! Enjoy the rest of your adventure!

GEORGE
(Getting angrier about it) Pizza delivery route.
SCENE 4

EXT/INT. WEST'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

George, Jimothy, and Eric the Brave approach the final house on their route.

JIMOTHY
Can I -

GEORGE
- Yes.

Jimothy excitedly rings the door bell.

JOHN WEST
(In a heavy old west accent) Is that my pizza?

John West opens the door.

JOHN WEST (CONT'D)
Wee doggy, that smells delicious.

GEORGE
We have one "meat lovers" for a
(looks at sheet) John West.

JOHN WEST
That's me! And what's your name sonny?

GEORGE
Uhh... George.

JOHN WEST
.... Can I call you Bleorge?

GEORGE
What? No. That's.... Why?

ERIC THE BRAVE
Doesn't feel to good when someone
doesn't call you what you want to
be called, now does it?

JIMOTHY
Yeah!

GEORGE
...(moping) no......
Jimothy, Eric the Brave, and John West quietly nod knowingly.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Anyway, that'll be $10 for the large "meat lovers".

ERIC THE BRAVE
How is that cheaper than my cheese?!

ALL OTHERS
Coupon.

Eric the Brave sighs.

JOHN WEST
Alright, there, pard'ner. Here's your pay.

John West produces a comically large gold coin.

ERIC THE BRAVE
Good sir, these guilded gifts do not phase our brave leader.

GEORGE
Yeah, sorry... wait, leader?

ERIC THE BRAVE
With your permission, I shall charge into combat against this adversary. I shall withdraw from him proper payment yet!

GEORGE
(Ignoring Eric the Brave) Cash, credit, or check will all be fine.

JOHN WEST
I think a duel sounds mighty fine, actually.

ERIC THE BRAVE
Excellent! Prepare yourself, foe!

Eric the Brave does some impressive maneuvers, producing a surprisingly large sword out of seemingly nowhere. After Eric the Brave does a few stunts with it, John West pulls out a revolver and shoots him.
GEORGE AND JIMOTHY

HOLY SHIT!

The reality of the situation should dawn on the audience at this point. A real person was just shot, not just a one-dimensional lunatic waving a sword.

ERIC THE BRAVE
(tumbles, leans against the wall)
You know, when your head is so full of thoughts of adventure, you forget what pain feels like. Not just physical pain, like that of a bullet through your chest, but also the day to day emotional pain. You forget about how the world really works. Bills. Work. Responsibilities. Jessica... Some times you want let it all slip away. So you find the one place in your heart where the hurt can't go. You sink into this little bubble of nostalgia. You remember your childhood and what you wanted out of life. How simple it all was. You want to be the hero. Stop the villain. Get the girl. Then you get shot by a cowboy when delivering a pizza and you realize that it isn't the situation that's absurd. It's thinking you can just ignore your problems. THAT'S absurd. I don't hate you, John West, because I know you know how much it hurts. We all know how much it hurts. And we're all trying to hide it.

All other characters, including John West, wipe tears from their eyes.

ERIC THE BRAVE (CONT'D)
Maybe in the end, we should-

John West shoots Eric the Brave, killing him.

GEORGE
WHAT THE FUCK, MAN?!
JIMOTHY
(in the background) Holy shit
holy shit holy shit holy shit
holy shit holy shit holy shit
holy shit holy shit holy shit

JOHN WEST
(while Jimothy talks) Now, about
my pizza. I just won that duel
fair and square, so I feel it's
my god-given right to take that
pizza.

GEORGE
Yeah, I can't just give you a
pizza just cause you killed a
guy.

JOHN WEST
Then what's the point of a duel?!

GEORGE
NOTHING. NOBODY DOES DUELS.

JOHN WEST
I'll have my pizza, one way or
another!

John West points his gun towards George and Jimothy. They
hide.

JIMOTHY
I don't want to deliver pizzas
anymore! This isn't a fun
adventure at all!

Dramatic lighting. George has an aside.

GEORGE
It was at this moment I realized
that Jimothy wasn't all that
weird for wanting an adventure.
His sense of wonder really was
something, well, wondrous. I
felt... even a little jealous. I
wasn't about to let some "John
West" take that away from him.

Dramatic lighting goes away.
GEORGE (CONT'D)
(To Jimothy) Don't worry Jimothy, I'll handle this. I'll take care of the evil man.

JIMOTHY
(Fearful) Be careful!

George stands up with his hands up. Jimothy is still hiding, he cannot see George or John West. For the rest of this scene, George's body language should be very passive in contrast to what he says.

GEORGE
(trying to sign "play along") STOP EVIL DOER! I DEMAND YOU DROP YOUR WEAPON IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!

John West lowers his gun. George walks over to John West.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
(In a hushed whisper) Hey man, I just realized it's been more than 30 minutes since you ordered. Your pizza is on us. You don't have to pay, just please don't kill us.

JOHN WEST
(Also whispering) Cool.

George gives John West his pizza, waves goodbye on his way out closes the door behind him.

GEORGE
AND IF YOU EVER TRY ANYTHING LIKE THAT AGAIN, YOU'LL HAVE ME TO ANSWER TO!

Jimothy comes out of hiding.

JIMOTHY
WOWEE, George! That was amazing!

GEORGE
It was nothing, it's all in a day's work for a pizza delivery guy!
JIMOTHY
(Honestly and humbled) ...
Thanks.

George pulls out his phone and begins dialing.

JIMOTHY (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

GEORGE
Calling the police. He literally killed a man.

JIMOTHY
That's fair.

They exit.
SCENE 5

EXT/INT. WEST'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

Eric the Brave (dead) and Police on stage, looking at the body. George and Jimothy enter.

GEORGE
You know what, Jimothy. Besides the whole "guy getting shot" thing, today was kind of fun.

JIMOTHY
It sure was.

GEORGE
I sure hope they find John West.

JIMOTHY
He sure disappeared quickly for having just eaten a whole large "meat lovers" pizza.

GEORGE
You know, you were right, this really did turn out to be an adventure.

JIMOTHY
(As George says "adventure") Pizza delivery route!

They stare blankly at each other. Black.