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The Interview

Nick Card

Newbury Dramatic Society

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The Interview is a dark, tense and thrilling drama written and directed by Nick Card.

Interviews can be daunting occasions and when Ian Marchbanks finds his ideal dream job online he is determined to get it by any means but all is not as it seems.

But how can Marchbanks convince the American Investment Bank that he is the right man for the job of CEO when he only has a 2:2 degree? He decides to lie and is encouraged by his girlfriend to complete the application form and send it off.

He is successful in getting an initial telephone interview from Suzanne Masters but it's not going well after she claims to have been in the same tutor group as he was at the London School of Economics so he has to think quickly on his feet to explain why they never met.

To his surprise, he is offered a face-to-face interview in the country rather than in London. However Mike, the interviewer, is not quite what the ambitious and deceitful conman Marchbanks expected and things take a sinister and dramatic turn.

As this dark story unfolds, Marchbanks is totally humiliated as his early bullying of a pupil at school is revealed and revenge, justice or execution are sought.

There are fine performances from the cast who create this surreal situation with total commitment and conviction.

The twist and turns at the end are a complete surprise, in an intriguing play where the bully gets his comeuppance.

Reviewer: [Robin Strapp](#)