**Standard Playwriting Format**

**Please follow these standard formatting rules:**

* Act and Scene headings are centered.
* Location is left justified
* Character’s names are centered and all letters are capitalized.
* Stage directions are indented one tab and italicized.
* Character’s names in stage directions are capitalized.
* Parenthetical stage directions are used for small actions.

Act One

Scene 1

Writopia Lab, New York City. Day.

*DAN, a tall writopia instructor, sits on the couch. He munches on a bunch of potato chips, crumbs fall on his lap. He brushes them off into the crevasses of the couch. REBECCA enters the room with her coat on.*

REBECCA

Dan?

DAN

What?

REBECCA

Did you just brush off your crumbs in the couch?

DAN

Shrugging

No.

REBECCA

You’re lying. And now I have to sweep them up.

DAN gets up and walks up to REBECCA.

DAN

Don’t worry about it. I’ll do it.

*REBECCA and DAN freeze, staring at one another as the lights on them dim down. Lights come up from behind the couch, where a large chip crumb named NORMAN breaks out into song.*

NORMAN THE CRUMB

Dan won’t sweep me up, he will forget about me. I’m so lucky — here at Writopia with instructors like Dan!

Blackout.