

EXERCISE : A 'BOXING MATCH' - 2 CHARACTERS WHO WANT  
DIFFERENT THINGS FROM A SCENE (HENCE BOXING MATCH)

(For this we have chosen a  
boxing trainer, and his  
protege.)

INT. AROUND A MESSY DESK IN THE CORNER OF A BOXING GYM. SAT  
AT THE DESK IS THE TRAINER.

THE BOXER enters

THE BOXER  
So, you wanna speak to me?

THE TRAINER looks up.

THE TRAINER  
It's about the fight. I've been  
thinking.. and I wanna pull you from  
it.

THE BOXER  
But I'm ready! I can't pull out now!  
..Why?

THE TRAINER  
Sorry kid. You're not ready yet.

THE BOXER  
But I can do it! I said I'd do it.  
I've been training to do it. You  
can't pull me now! I'm gonna flatten  
him! (BEAT) But you don't think I  
can do it, do you? I can beat anyone  
here! I've been training for this  
fight for three months!

THE TRAINER  
(bluntly)  
I say who's ready. And you're not  
ready.

THE BOXER  
I've gotta fight. I've told  
everyone. What will I say to them  
now? It's gonna look like I pulled  
out. Like I'm a quitter. Or I'm  
scared.

THE TRAINER  
I say what goes here. Everyone knows  
that. Just tell em I said it,  
they'll believe you. Everyone thinks  
I'm a crazy old fool anyways. (BEAT)  
Son, you're gonna get seriously - I  
mean seriously - hurt. The other  
guy. I saw him in training. He's a  
gorilla. Somebody sent me a tape. I  
don't usually pay for spy-tapes, but  
this time I did. Cos I was  
worried...

## THE BOXER

You watched a tape of the other guy?  
And you think he's better than me? I  
thought you were on my side! You got  
no right to do that. You got no  
respect. Don't worry 'bout me. I'm  
going out there to get hurt. I'm  
going out there to win. (BEAT) Don't  
stop me going out there...

## THE TRAINER

...But son...

## THE BOXER

(Brusquely)

Don't call me that ...here. In the  
ring - and in the gym - I'm just  
another guy, dad. Don't call me that  
here....alright, dad?