## **ESSENTIAL ACTIONS**

"Making a love one take a big chance.

Putting a loved one on the right track.

To beg a loved one's forgiveness.

To clear up a terrible misunderstanding.

To retrieve what is rightfully mine.

To implore a loved one to give me another chance.

To show an inferior who's boss.

To make amends for bad behavior.

Reassuring people in my care that I'm capable of getting the job done.

Extracting an answer to a crucial question.

Exposing a threat to friends.

Enlisting a loved one's aid.

Looking for the crucial answer to a mystery.

Making a subordinate confirm a terrible suspicion.

Making sure loved ones will be taken care of.

Getting advice from an objective observer.

Untangling an intricate mystery.

Call an aggressor's bluff.

Show a friend a good time.

Help friends out of a jam.

Holding off a threat.

Make a loved one feel like a million bucks.

Making a liar admit the truth.

Convincing a loved one to accept a gift.

Getting the lowdown from an expert."

"To get\* what I deserve.

To get what's owed me.

To get an apology.

To get someone to put her faith in me.

To get a chance.

To get another chance.

To get a fair shot.

To lay down the law.

To get someone\*\* to play by my rules.

To teach a simple lesson.

To teach an important lesson.

To teach a serious lesson.

To get forgiveness.

To get reassurance.

To get a promise.

To get a commitment.

To get an ironclad guarantee.

To get someone off his ass.

To get someone to grow up.

To get someone to stand on her own two feet.

To get the truth.

To get a confession.

To get a straight answer.

To put someone in his place.

To knock someone off her high horse.

To burst someone's bubble.

To get a break.

To get someone to bend the rules for me.

To get a favor.

To get help.

To get someone to bail me out.

To get someone to rescue me.

To get someone to join forces with me.

To win an ally.

To get someone to come through for me.

To sell a great idea.

To get someone to seize a great opportunity.

To get someone to take a chance/risk.

To get someone to rise to the challenge.

To clear up a terrible misunderstanding.

To clear up a simple misunderstanding.

To clear up a silly misunderstanding.

To get someone to take a dare.

To prevent a terrible mistake.

To make a deal.

To get a compromise.

To get someone to meet me half way.

To make a truce.

To make someone do the right thing.

To make someone take responsibility.

To make someone hold up her end of the deal.

To get someone to accept my help. To get someone to take my hand. To make someone face the facts. To wake someone up to the truth. To smack someone into reality.

To get someone to let his hair down.
To get someone to accept a treat.
To get someone to accept a gift.

\*\*Wherever you see the verb "to get" feel free to substitute a more specific verb if you like, such as "convince", "beg" or "force".

\*\*The word "someone" is used here, to leave the choice of relationship, like "a loved one", "a friend", "an enemy", "a jerk" up to you. The relationship should not reiterate the actual relationship in the scene but should describe its essence; for example, the character's father could be a "loved one", "a rival", or "a buddy". Use the relationship only if it helps you. I've found much of the time it's the specific goal in the Action, not the relationship, that helps an actor most compellingly play the scene."