

# Trapped

*(Scene for three actors.)* Three people with different personalities are trapped in an elevator.

**A:** Push the button.

**B:** I did.

**C:** Did you try the red one? Push it again.

**B:** I did, but okay. *(Pushes the button.)*

**C:** Shouldn't there be a sound or something? It says emergency.

**A:** We should push all of them just in case. Here. *(Frantically pushes all of the buttons. All three react as the overhead lights go off.)*

**B:** Oh great. Now you've done it. We can't see a thing!

**A:** How was I supposed to know?

**C:** Pushing all the buttons at once never solves the problem.

**A:** What, are you some kind of engineer?

**C:** Actually, yes.

**B:** Let's try to stay calm. There has to be some sort of alert system. Someone's probably working on getting us out already.

**A:** Unless it's the zombie apocalypse. It's probably the zombie apocalypse.

**C:** Scientifically impossible.

**A:** That's what every scientist in every zombie movie says and guess who is the first one who gets his head eaten off?

**B:** Listen, this was not caused by zombies, okay? Let's think this through and come up with a plan.

**A:** I need to eat my sandwich. *(Unwrapping noise.)*

**B/C:** Ew. What is that? *(Ad-libbing.)*

**A:** Egg salad.

**B:** You opened an egg salad sandwich, which is basically a stink bomb in an enclosed elevator?

**C:** It's just the sulfur.

**B:** What?

**C:** The smell is due to a reaction between traces of iron in the yolk and sulfur in the white. It happens only when the eggs have been overcooked. Perfectly cooked yolks are moist and deep orange and do not smell.

**B:** Okay, obviously you're the brains in the group. Do you have any ideas that will get us out of here?

**C:** Give me a minute.

**A:** Does anyone want a bite?

**B/C:** NO!

**B:** Can you please put that away?

**A:** No. I'll need my strength when the zombies pry open the elevator doors to get at our flesh.

**C:** Cell phones.

**B:** What?

**C:** Our cell phones. We use them to call maintenance.

**B:** Of course. We should have thought of that before.

**C:** Oh great. No signal.

**B:** Let me try. I have Verizon. *(Pause.)* Oh my God.

**A/C:** What?

**B:** It's a text from the Emergency Alert System.

**A/C:** *(Ad-libbing.)* What? What does it say?

**B:** This is not a test. The Center for Disease Control is alerting the public to a Necroa Virus pandemic.

**A:** See, I was right. Zombies.