

## MIDAS Self Tape Audition Sides

Role: Brianna

Role Type: Lead

Gender: Female

Age: 22

Ethnicity: Asian, Black, Indigenous, Latina, Middle Eastern, South Asian, or Multiracial.

Character Description: Brianna has long been the voice of reason in the friend group - the pragmatic Hermoine Granger type, who's relied on hard work rather than natural gifts. Things can be frustrating for her, her ivy League boyfriend, Jordan, is making six figures straight out of college, while she's stuck making minimum wage in the mailroom, and waitressing on the side. She doesn't show it though.

Scene Context: Brianna, Ricky, and Jordan have been invited to Claire's college graduation party. Brianna's not a big fan of Claire - she's always been a little too flirty with Jordan. Ricky arrived at the party early, and has just recounted to Jordan and Brianna his run in with Claire's dad, where Ricky told a number of lies, including claiming to be a Harvard graduate. This isn't all that surprising - Ricky lies to girls all the time, and Brianna is amused, as it seems this time Ricky might get caught.

Brianna works in the mailroom at Midas Health Insurance, though Claire doesn't know that. Brianna got her job the old fashioned way, rather than trying to use Claire's dad to give her a leg up. While she doesn't love her job, she's not going to let some privileged white girl insult her for working there.

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Ricky, Jordan, and Brianna all stand huddled in a corner, in the midst of a hushed conversation.

BRIANNA

Why would you tell them that?!

Ricky motions for her to quiet down.

RICKY

Why didn't you guys tell me that her dad runs Midas?!

BRIANNA

Hold on. Don't try and blame us. You're the one pretending you went to Harvard. And for what? To impress some girl you met like five minutes ago?

RICKY

I didn't lie, alright. The liquor did.

Brianna gives him a look.

RICKY

What do you want me to do? Tell him the truth? Nice to meet you sir. Yeah, I actually had to drop out after you fired my mom, and wouldn't pay for her treatments. But nice crib though.

Beat. This is a sore subject in the group.

BRIANNA

Ricky. It was a year before she got sick. It was bad luck. But it happens.

Beat.

CLAIRE

What are you guys talking about?

The trio spins as Claire walks up. Silence.

BRIANNA

Ricky was telling us about your dad.

Claire sighs.

CLAIRE

I'm sorry. He can be... pushy sometimes.

(Off Brianna's confusion)

He tried to talk Ricky into taking a job at Midas.

Brianna nearly spits out her drink.

BRIANNA

I'm sorry. He what?

CLAIRE

I know, it's insulting. He assumes everyone wants to come work for his evil empire.

Ricky shoots Brianna a look, which she ignores.

BRIANNA

I mean, Midas is the largest employer in the city. They insure almost 20% of the country.

CLAIRE

And they also deny millions of claims each year.

Beat.

BRIANNA

Where are you working, Claire?

CLAIRE

I volunteer for Senator Peters, on the healthcare policy team. If we're lucky, we'll be putting Midas out of business.

Claire smiles.

BRIANNA

That's fun. Princess Leia taking down the evil empire.

Claire's not sure if she's being insulted.

BRIANNA

But not all of us can be princesses, right? Some storm troopers have student loans to pay.