

MIDAS Self Tape Audition Sides

Role: Jordan

Role Type: Lead

Gender: Male

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

Character Description: The lovable computer science geek, Jordan has resting optimist face. He's Ivy League educated, and now gritting his teeth through a boring but well paying job at a hedge fund. Ricky, his best friend since kindergarten, has always been the devil on Jordan's shoulder. Part of it is he enjoys living vicariously through Ricky, as he lies to girls, and chases wild dreams. But he also wants to protect Ricky, and make sure he doesn't get into too much trouble.

Scene Context: Ricky and Jordan frequently meet at a local bar for happy hour after work. Recently, Ricky's been trying to convince Jordan and his girlfriend, Brianna, to quit their jobs, and start a business with him. Each time Jordan politely turns him down. Instead, he's been trying to convince Ricky to stay at his current job, at Midas Health Insurance, where he makes the steady income he needs to support his mom.

INT. SALUTE RESTAURANT AND BAR - AFTERNOON

Ricky and Jordan sit alone at the bar, each with a beer in front of them.

RICKY

Aight, so listen, I need you guys to help me with something.

JORDAN

Ricky. We both have full-time jobs. Brianna has two. We gotta pay off our loans-

RICKY

No, it's not a business.

Beat.

JORDAN

Ok. What is it?

Ricky takes a deep breath.

RICKY

Well, I think I discovered a way to have Midas cover my mom's treatments.

JORDAN

That's great! Like, put her on your insurance?

RICKY

Not exactly, no. Her policy is still in the system, and if we reactivated it...

A long silence.

JORDAN

You're talking about insurance fraud.

RICKY

I'm telling you, it's so easy. All we need to do is get access to Tom's computer.

JORDAN

Bro, if you need some extra money...

Beat.

RICKY

It's more money than you can help with. You've got your mom's house, Brianna has her loans.

JORDAN

What about your new job?

RICKY

I barely make more than GrubHub. And Brianna's right, I'm gonna get fired soon anyway.

JORDAN

This is more than just lying about where you went to school, or faking your resume. This is a real crime. You'd go to jail.

Jordan holds eye contact with Ricky.

JORDAN

I'm sorry.

RICKY

You don't understand, I don't have a choice here. I have to do this.

JORDAN

You do have a choice. And your choice is gonna get you arrested. And then what? Who's gonna help your mom?

Ricky gets up to leave.

RICKY

If you guys won't help me, that's fine. I can do it myself.