

MIDAS Self Tape Audition Sides

Role: Gregory Brent

Role Type: Lead

Gender: Male

Age: 50 - 70

Ethnicity: White

Character Description: The charming CEO of Midas Health Insurance, Gregory is a successful, silver fox type, who rarely is told no. A Harvard man through and through, Gregory loves nothing more than a scotch, a cigar, and a bump to the company stock price.

Scene Context: Today is the college graduation party of Gregory's only daughter, Claire, who is a bit of a rebel. She chose Yale because Gregory went to Harvard. She's ultra-liberal, volunteering for a senator advocating for Medicare for All. Gregory's been pressuring her to find a real job soon, and ideally not one dedicated to putting him out of business.

INT. BRENT FAMILY MANSION - STAIRCASE - DAY

As Claire leads Ricky (drink in hand) up the winding staircase, GREGGORY, Claire's dad, 55, is on his way down.

GREGGORY
Where are you guys headed?

CLAIRE
Uh, I was just giving Ricky a tour.
By the way, Dad, this is Ricky,
Ricky, this is my dad.

GREGGORY
Nice to meet you, Ricky.

They shake hands. Beat.

CLAIRE
Ricky actually just graduated from
Harvard.

GREGGORY
No kidding! I was class of '87!

RICKY
Oh. Really. At Harvard?

Greggory nods.

GREGGORY
What was your major?

RICKY
My major? My major was Healthcare
Administration.

GREGGORY
I didn't know we had a Healthcare
Administration major.

RICKY
Yeah, it's a pretty new one.
Merging Healthcare, and you know,
the Pre-Med track, with
Administration. You take classes in
both.

GREGGORY
I'm not sure if Claire told you,
but I'm CEO of Midas. Health Insurance.

Ricky is taken aback. Claire rolls her eyes.

RICKY

My mom... actually used to work there.

GREGGORY

Used to? I hope I didn't fire her.

Greggory chuckles.

RICKY

No she... passed away.

Greggory immediately adopts a more solemn tone.

GREGGORY

Oh, I'm so sorry to hear that. What was her name?

RICKY

Uh, Mia. Mia Perez.

Greggory pretends to rack his brain.

GREGGORY

I think I remember her. She was absolutely incredible.

Ricky nods. Beat.

GREGGORY

Do you have a job lined up?

Claire sighs.

RICKY

I appreciate it, but I do, actually. I'm an entrepreneur.

GREGGORY

In Healthcare?

RICKY

And administration.

Beat.

GREGGORY

Look, Ricky, can I give you some unsolicited advice?

Ricky nods.

GREGGORY

I understand, your generation, you all want to be your own boss. And save the world. And coming out of Harvard, you feel like you can do all that. I felt the same way. But pretty soon you're gonna realize that us old folk know what we're talking about. And in the long run, a comfortable 9-5 is going to get you where you want to be.

He motions to the house around him.

GREGGORY

My point is this. I'm sure your start up is great. Whatever it is. But I also bet you'd learn a lot coming to work for a bigger company, like Midas. No need to start from square one.

Beat. Ricky smiles.

RICKY

I... appreciate the advice.

Greggory laughs.

GREGGORY

Alright, well, if you change your mind, give me a call.

Ricky gives a polite smile.

RICKY

I will.

Greggory pats Ricky on the back.

GREGGORY

Go Crimson!

RICKY

Go Crimson...

Ricky gives a half smile and follows Claire upstairs.