

CON EMPLOYEE AUDITION MATERIAL

CON EMPLOYEE: (Open gender casting, 20-40s) Short and to the point, underpaid and used to the convention machine. Professional and helpful, but not particularly warm.

INT. CONVENTION HALL - DAY

Warren rushes to a small table set up for him in the midst of an already crowding convention hall floor. A con employee, stands with a clipboard in front of the table with Warren's name on the small banner behind it.

WARREN

Hi, I'm so sorry I'm late, my assistant is running behind, so I'm running behind, despite staying in and going to bed early last night so I wouldn't be running behind today, and - you don't care about any of that, obviously. Um. Am I in the right place? I'm Warren. Young. Warren Young.

The con employee looks bored. Maybe even pops some gum.

CON EMPLOYEE

The large banner with your name on it would certainly suggest that you're in the right place.

WARREN

Right! Duh. Sorry, this is - well, this is my first time. Usually the powers that be find that I am not ideal in one-on-one, live interactions.

CON EMPLOYEE

Can't imagine why.

WARREN

I'm usually better with coffee.

As if summoned, Mina rounds the corner, coffee in hand, not a hair out of place.

WARREN (CONT'D)

Mina! Thank God, is that -

MINA

Coffee, yes. Amazing that you're still amazed by it.

WARREN

You're late.

MINA

You're early, actually.

WARREN

I am?

CON EMPLOYEE

You are, which is nice. Most people get here after the line is already forming, which makes logistics a nightmare.

MINA

Right, logistics. The point of contact I've been emailing with said you'd have everything he needed?

CON EMPLOYEE

Yes, this *entire* sharpie is yours, as well as this premium folding chair. Whole thing is pretty simple. I'll wave people in, you sign, they head out. No pictures. The first one to snap a one will set off a tidal wave. Whole thing should take about thirty seconds each if you do it right.

WARREN

Thirty seconds? How are they supposed to ask me anything?

CON EMPLOYEE

They're not - if they're lucky they'll get selected for a panel question, but the autographs should just give you enough time to ask their name and flash a smile.

WARREN

That seems like a terrible system.

CON EMPLOYEE

Been working pretty well for us or a few decades, man. Don't worry, I'll be the one hurrying people along, so you won't look like an asshole. Just make 'em feel special.