

Audition - Pieces for “An Interview W/God”

Prefer all characters to Sing but Not Required

1) Arthur Johnson (Age-Late 40’s)/ Applicant One- Will play two roles; The Father and Applicant One. **The Father** has very little tolerance; doesn’t have time for the mistakes of others of any kind. Can appear to have nice hospitality and with a blink of an eye change in to someone you would not want to meet in a dark alley. **Applicant One** is an Attorney seeking a job at the Rockford Law Firm but has not met the requirements of getting hired on at the Firm and now has regrets about his past.

2) Vivian Johnson (Age-Late 40’s) will play the mother/wife of the Johnson’s family. Vivian is the typical mother who loves her children very deeply. And seeing them become adults and leaving home is very hard for her to adjust. She is a woman of God and is very thankful for her family. Her brother Uncle Pete lives with her and her family.

3) Eugene Johnson (Lead) (Must Sing) (25 years old) is son of Arthur and Vivian Johnson. He is a law student that has just graduated from Law School and is very exciting about his interview at the Rockford Law Firm. This as been the day he has always dreamed of. He has put more than 150% of his effort for his new career.

4) Brenda Johnson (19 years old)/ Applicant Three) is the daughter of Arthur and Vivian Johnson. She will play two roles; Brenda and Applicant Three. **Brenda** is young and comes across as naïve. **Applicant Three** is an Attorney pursuing a career in Law. She blames everyone else for her wrongdoings and mistakes even when she is not hired on at the Rockford Law Firm.

5) Uncle Pete (65 years old) is the brother of Vivian Johnson. He lives with the Johnson family. He is blind but wants no one to feel sorry for him; so the family jokes about it. He is very sarcastic and keeps everyone tackled to death. But over all he is a proud man, and loves his sister very dearly. He teases the maid, Bertha Ford continually, never ending. The family is not for sure rather he is serious or not but they are still one big happy family.

6) Bertha Ford (Age 40's or 50's) (Must Sing) (Must be Full Figure) is the maid for the Johnson family. Uncle Pete is well worth her pay check but she makes him earn his stay as well. She is very over weight and workout continually but has no results. Her goal is to lose weight and Uncle Pete reminds of her weight problem daily.

7) Tray (Dog) Don (20 years old)/ Applicant Two will play two roles. **Tray Dog** is Brenda's boyfriend and is a drug dealer. He feels that being a drug dealer is the only way to support himself and help his Aunt, which is his only family member. **Applicant Two** has a secret past of being a drug dealer. His past is revealed when he applies for an Attorney's position at the Rockford Law Firm.

8) Pastor Green (Age 30's, 40's or 50's) will of course play the role of the Johnson family's Pastor. (The typical Pastor)

9) Claire (Late 20's or early 30's) is a young lady that lives down the street. She is Mentality Challenged. Her favorite hobby is taking pictures.

Characters- Arthur and Brenda

Arthur: How could you disgrace this family like this? Me and your mother has worked so hard to make sure you and your brother Eugene had an education; something that my parents and grandparents only dreamed of having. Your sophomore year of college and now you're pregnant; and not to mention, by some low class drug dealer.

Brenda: He's not a drug dealer he sells weed.

Arthur: (Rises he hand to slap her) Girl I almost slapped you. What's the Cotton-Picking difference!

Brenda: Compared to most drugs, Marijuana is least dangerous. Pot is not an addictive drug. It is the safest of all drugs. Coffee and Beer are more addictive than marijuana. It is a natural herb that was put here by God. It helps reduce nausea from chemotherapy in cancer patients; and it has less side of effects than most prescription medications.

Arthur: But- It- Is- Illegal!

Brenda: The only reason why it is not legal is because the government can make more money by seizing private property when dealers are caught selling Pot, monitoring all sells made on marijuana. So, if alcohol is legal, why not marijuana. Alcoholic Drunks do far more damage than marijuana smokers. How many times do you hear of someone on weed killing a whole family; and not to mention that the drunk driver, some how, tends to walk away with just a scratch on the forehead.

Arthur: Is this what college is producing nowadays? You're standing here telling me and admitting the damage what drinking and driving does, and you believe that the government should make another mistake and allow another useless product to be legal. I could see if you had little or no education but a college student, no better yet, if you couldn't even read or write, I would think you would have more sense than this. "Another trap fro black men."

Character- Eugene

Eugene is in the living room with his briefcase pretending that he is in a courtroom) (**** He is mimicking all three character plus himself)

Judge: Okay court we are here today in the case of Tray Don, street name known as Tray Dog. He has been accused of soliciting illegal drugs. Now will Tray Don's Attorney, Eugene Johnson step up to give his opening statement.

Attorney Eugene Johnson: Thank You your Honor. Tray Don, a young black male with a promising future has been falsely accused of a crime that he did not commit. This young man is soon to be a proud husband and father; his plans are to enroll at the University of Houston to study Criminal Justice. Today, our prisons are over crowded with black males; leaving black women as single parent and our children lost without that father figure that we so desperately need in our homes. The latest U.S. Census states that 51 percent of women are single and out of that percentage 70 percent of them are black women. That's why it is crucial that here today I prove that Tray Don is innocent.

Judge: Okay. Thank you attorney Eugene Johnson; now will Prosecutor Arthur Johnson stand to give his opening statement.

Aunt: Hold up your honor. Hold'em up.

Judge: May I ask who are you?

Aunt: I'm this here boy's aunt. I'm his witness but you can call me Auntie Dear.

Judge: Well what do you know about this case?

Aunt: First your honor, I would like to know what I'm working with.

Judge: Excuse me.

Aunt: Where you get your law degree or judge degree from. What I mean is; what is this boy charged with?

Judge: Tray Don known as Tray (Dog) has been charged with soliciting marijuana.

Aunt: Soliciting what/who!

Tray: Selling Marijuana, Auntie Dear.

Aunt: What the heck is marijuana?

Judge: It is an illegal substance. That is illegal to use and sell. The street name for it is weed.

Aunt: Okay, now you talking more on my level, don't be using no big words when you talking to me I don't know nothing about no marijuana.

Characters- Vivian and Arthur

Vivian: You act as if she's the one using marijuana.

Arthur: Using it, or associating with someone that sells it, what's the difference. That boyfriend of hers has brain washed her into believing that Pot is safe and that smoking it is better than drinking coffee or beer. Many

studies have proven that using marijuana leads to the use of harder drugs like heroin and cocaine. And I heard if you are around someone that smokes weed it can get into your system; and if he sells it he most likely uses it. This is probably the reason why her grades are dropping because studies also say that pot affects neuropsychological functioning, such as: hand-eye coordination, reaction time, and memory. Being around that street pharmacist, she and her baby are both loaded with marijuana.

Vivian: Would it matter if she was pregnant by a working man?

Arthur: I don't care if she was pregnant by Einstein. She is in college and she is not married. This is why the world is so upside down nowadays. Everything that use to mean something is meaningless now; and right is wrong and wrong is right. I'm not buying into this New Generation World that it is okay to become pregnant before marriage, shacking and marrying the same sex.

Vivian: How soon do we forget, your brother Tyrone is gay.

Arthur: I don't care if my mother was gay, I still don't have to accept it.

Vivian: (Starts to cry) You know, this is the most trying time of my life; having both of my children no longer living in this house.

Arthur: Your not talking about children, you talking about adults.

Vivian: I don't care. God is a forgiving God. I still believe in my heart that it is a blessing to have a child growing inside of you. I don't care how it got there.

Arthur: I'm going to pretend that I didn't hear you say that. (Being very sarcastic)Fornicating and having a bastard child is a blessing from God.

Vivian: Let me finish! Some women are not able to have children and they would do anything to have a child of their own. It is a blessing; I don't care what you say or what you think. My mother and father always told me no matter who I married, no matter where a job sent me, I was still welcome back home. (Calms down) I have never missed prayer night on

Thursdays; but I was going to stay home and try to get some rest; but I see now that this family needs all the prayer we can get, so I feel it's best I go, so I can pray the devil right out of you. (Exits)

Characters- Uncle Pete and Bertha

Uncle Pete: (Yells for the maid, Bertha Ford) Bertha, where is my coffee? And make sure you bring me my chocolate mint sweetener.

Bertha: (Comes out walking fast with his coffee) Coming your royal highness. (Gives him the coffee and the chocolate with a smile) Enjoy your coffee.

Uncle Pete: You can rest assure that this is your permanent place of employment; because no one else is going to hire you. I don't know what my sister was thinking about when she hired you. You better be glad that I'm not involved in the hiring or the firing. And better yet, you better be glad I don't have to sign your check.

Bertha: What you gon do borrow my eyes to sign the check.

Uncle Pete: (Talking to his sister) Vivian you better control your so call hired help before you be looking in the want ads again.

Bertha: This is the time to be rejoicing and celebrating. This is Eugene's day because what has happened to Eugene only happens to God's children, not Satan's.

(Eugene stands up smiling and takes a bow)

Vivian: (Looking through old photographs) Pete, Bertha is going to put 20 more years on your life. Teasing her is all the exercise you need.

Uncle Pete: Mentioning exercise isn't today **Tuesday**, Bertha?

Bertha: Everyday of the week.

Uncle Pete: Well isn't it the day you go to your so call aerobics class for the obesity, oh I forgot you fell on the Instructor.

Uncle Pete: You know what's wrong with this world today. People's thinking, is messed up. Hell is not only for bad people. Hell is for Sinners. It is going to be good people as well as bad people in Hell, because Hell is for Sinners. Good people sin too. That's why I say, it's a thin line between Heaven and Hell.

Uncle Pete: And, you know why? And, you know why I say that; because everybody that thinks they are going to Heaven is going straight to Hell.

Bertha: Well Heaven is a place that you want never see.

Uncle Pete: And, if it's a weight limit, you want see it either.

Bertha: I'm gonna learn to do something that you can't. When I see trouble, go the other way.

(Bertha takes a deep breath then looks at Uncle Pete shaking her head)

Uncle Pete: (Talking to Bertha) I hear you breathing. (Talking to Vivian) Is the air condition on because it seems a little warm in here? Oh never mind, I forgot Bertha is still in the room.

Bertha: Well you better be glad that it doesn't require eyes to feel heat because if it did, you wouldn't know the difference between summer or winter.

Character -Tray Dog/Applicant Two

Applicant Two: (Saying with a whisper) I know my urine was clean because I used my uncle's urine. Yeah, yeah, the one that is in the nursing home. And you haven't heard nothing yet. Can you believe that a firm of this prestige would be asking you about he say, she say bologna. You remember that drive by on Smith Ave 5 years old. (Pause) Yeah-Yeah-Yeah the one where the old lady was killed. Can you believe the Interviewer asked me if I was involved in that. Yeah, but I never told anyone. Today-Right- Now, you are the first person that I have ever breathed this to. It is no way this firm should know about that. (Looks at the piece of paper that is in his hand and throws it at the office door) And, at the end of the interview, the Interviewer tried to sugar- coat everything by referring me to Yousin

Firm. Can you believe that, Yousin Firm is a firm where nothing but losers go. (Exits)

Characters - Pastor Green, Vivian and Arthur

Vivian: May the presence of your spirit bring peace in my home.

Pastor Green: For I'm only a man doing the will of God. Only the presence of God can bring peace in your home. (Grabs Vivian hands to pray) Our Father in heaven Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (Bertha comes back with the lemonade and says Amen the same time Vivian and Pastor Green says Amen)

Bertha: Amen. (Gives Pastor Green the lemonade and exits)

Vivian: I just want to thank you for taking the time to come by.

Pastor Green: Doing the Lord's work is part of my obligation to Him.

Vivian: I use to wonder why I was so blessed. I felt like I had the best family anyone could have. The perfect marriage, the perfect kids.

(Bertha yells from the kitchen)

Bertha: And the perfect maid.

Vivian continues: (Smiles) Of' course, Bertha. But now Satan has huffed and puffed and blown my home to the ground. Every demon in hell has broken out to come between my family. What does the future hold for me and my family?

(Mr. Arthur Johnson comes home)

Pastor Green: Mrs. Johnson you better sit up, sitting like that looks mighty uncomfortable. **(Vivian changes how she is sitting)**

Pastor Green: **(Stands Up)** How are you doing Mr. Johnson?

Arthur: I'm doing just fine, how about yourself?

Pastor Green: Too blessed to be stressed. As you see Sis Vivian thought it would be nice if I came by to offer words of comfort at a time like this. As we all know, God won't put anything on us that we can not bare.

Vivian: I wish that to be true but sometimes it is so hard to deal with life when it involves your children.

Arthur: I appreciate your concerns and prayers but sometimes a man has to take control of his own household.

Pastor Green: I have to respect you on that Mr. Johnson. But remember whenever you need God he's just a prayer away. I'll continue to keep this family in my prayers.

Arthur: Boy I'm tired.

Pastor Green: Excuse me.

Arthur: I just said I was tired.

Pastor Green: Oh I thought you said; I need to pay my tithes?
(Goes in his wallet and gives Pastor Green some money)

Arthur: Here's something for the church being so helpful to the Johnson family in our time of need.

Pastor Green: No, you guys family is one of the church's biggest contributors.

(When Arthur decides to take the money back Pastor Green pulls it back)

Pastor Green: Well on second thought the Lord says; Give and it will be given to you, *good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

Arthur: (Arthur gives him a donation) God bless you Pastor Green.

Pastor Green: And may He continue to bless this family. (He Exits)
(Vivian gets up to go to the bedroom)

Characters- Claire and Uncle Pete

Claire: (Goes over to Uncle Pete) How you doing Mr. Pete?

Uncle Pete: I'm doing just fine. How has your day been so far?

Claire: So far, I've had a very busy day. I had to take a shower this morning. I had to brush my teeth. My mom helped me comb my pony tails. And my daddy brought me a new camera so I had to take some pictures. And now, I had to bring the Egg Pie over here for you guys for Sunday for Eugene's big celebration.

Uncle Pete: Yes, it sounds like you've had a very busy day.

Claire: And guess what else.

Uncle Pete: You had to put your clothes and your shoes on.

Claire: Of' course Mr. Pete, everybody has to put their clothes and shoes on.

Uncle Pete: Well, I thought everybody showered and brushed their teeth too.

Claire: But that's not what I'm talking about, I'm going to my Class Reunion next week and my dad said I graduated in the top ten of my class.

Uncle Pete: Well I heard it wasn't but ten people in your class.

Claire: So you know what that means, my dad said that makes me a Valley Victoria Girl.

(Uncle Pete Laughs at Claire)

Claire: Why are you laughing at me? I am going to go home. You are a bad man. (Claire leaves upset)(She exits)