



## Welcome to Playwright's Round-table Black History Month Shorts

### Auditions!

Please follow the directions carefully and to the letter, or it may affect you being reviewed by our directors.

We need you submit on tape at least 2 characters out of these 5 plays, but you may audition for as many characters that you feel are right for you to read for.

We will be reviewing tapes on a rolling basis - it is in your best interest to submit your tapes as soon as possible... although the deadline may be set for a certain date, waiting later may result in you not being reviewed because we found someone sooner... so the sooner you submit the better!

Please make sure to record the audition in a location that is well lit and someplace where we can hear you clearly.

Please shoot at a mid-range shot (waist up)

At the beginning of your takes. Please slate with Name and Role, In your slate please include a full body shot. Pan the camera from the head to the feet and back to the head or take a full body picture

Please make sure you use someone to read with you for the audition. The person you are reading with should not be on camera. Also, do not look directly into the camera, place your attention to the person you are reading with. They can be in the room with you or on a zoom meeting.

Please upload takes separately, and only 1 take per character you choose.

Please label each video take `Firstname.LastName.ROLE.mov`

**Send via Wetransfer or a similar service to [actingavis@gmail.com](mailto:actingavis@gmail.com)**



He sets his phone down, reaches for his slice of pizza and deliberately takes a huge bite of it, stuffing his mouth. This is a conversation stall.

ERICA  
What was so exciting?

JULIAN  
(chewing away)  
Hm?

ERICA  
On your phone just now.

Julian takes his time chewing and swallowing. Erica takes a sip of her soda while she waits. She's not giving up.

JULIAN  
I was playing a game.

ERICA  
A game.  
(to herself)  
He's at Disneyland, playing a game on his phone.  
(sniff)  
What game?

JULIAN  
You wouldn't know it.

ERICA  
You don't know what I know.

JULIAN  
It's called *Punch Planet*. It's a fighting game.

ERICA  
Like *Street Fighter*?

JULIAN  
You know what *Street Fighter*—?

ERICA

Yes, boy, I know what *Street Fighter* is. Your dad used to have a Super Nintendo, made me play with him all the time. I liked playing with the monster. What was his name? He was green.

JULIAN

Blanka.

ERICA

Blanka! Blanka was my dude. Whipped your father's ass with Blanka.  
(a moment)

You like fighting games then.

JULIAN

Some of them.

ERICA

Good. I have an idea of what to get you for your birthday. The big one-five. You excited?

JULIAN

Yeah.

ERICA

I'll see you on your birthday, right?

JULIAN

If my dad lets me.

ERICA

Your dad's been pretty good about...he's a good man. One of God's precious angels. Me? Not so much.

(a moment)

What about Super Mario? You play Super Mario?

JULIAN

I play *Mario Kart* sometimes.

ERICA

"*Mario Kart*?" What the hell is *Mario Kart*? Is Super Mario in it?

JULIAN

You missed a lot.

ERICA

Okay, did you know that some state prisons actually have TVs? Some have a couple of TVs. Some even have newspapers and magazines. I know stuff. I'm still trying to figure out who Ariana Grande is and I don't know the difference between Tweeter and Instagram—I can't believe y'all let Blockbuster go out like that—but I know stuff.

JULIAN

Sorry.

A moment.

ERICA

You gonna eat? I had to sign a kidney away for this.

Julian takes another bite of his pizza. Erica takes another bite of hers. A moment.

