

JOELLE: Female, Late 30's/early 40's BIPOC.

Senior Social Worker with Cook County.

Passionate, fearless, intelligent, totally committed to her job, sometimes shoots first and asks questions later. Can be stubborn but someone you'd want in your corner. Professionally competent but a mess when it comes to romance. Has never had a live-in partner before. Grew up in a military family that moved all around the States and overseas which is why she's probably so close to her younger brother Michael and is so bad at romantic relationships. Brought up a Baptist but is no longer a Church-goer.

AUDITION SIDE:

JOELLE:

Hiya Mandy, Joelle here. Look don't hang up. Just hear me out. I know Michael's been on to you. He thought I wanted your number to invite you over to meet Siobhan. Not that I wouldn't like you and Hal to meet her but I need you to do something for me. It's really important lest I wouldn't be asking. And there's no need for you to get into trouble or anything. It's to do with this young woman I placed in foster care. Charmaine Smith. Was only two at the time, same as your little Harriet. Had just lost her mother and little baby brother. No-one knew who the Dad was and I couldn't find anyone who wanted to take her in. So I had to place her in care and now she's ended up dead. Imagine she lay dead in her studio apartment for over six months. That's who I'm asking for Mandy. Not me but for poor little Charmaine Smith, the girl no-one even noticed was missing