MARIAN: Female, 30's, mixed race.

Born and bred in Chicago. Is a nurse although now only works part-time since she had the girls. Met Michael in their final year of high school. Is a very bubbly, happy person who loves life and believes in living it to the full. Is a hard worker but also likes to party. Wishes that Michael was more adventurous and less of a procrastinator. She's the initiator and decision maker in their relationship. She has a very warm open heart but is no fool. Brought up a Catholic. Is a Church-goes mainly for cultural reasons and because her children go to Catholic schools and are being brought up as Catholic.

AUDITION SIDE:

MARIAN:

Ever hear the story of how Michael proposed? We were in a long queue in a McDonalds drive thru just after he was made permanent. He was rattling on about his pay, shift allowances, overtime, benefits and the Lord knows what else. Was only half listening to be honest. Was trying to decide whether to have a BigMac or a Quarter Pounder with cheese when he came out with it. Said so you see it makes perfect sense. Then he just blurts it out. I'd be entitled to the death in service benefit. If we were married. Turned out that was him proposing. That family have no form in the romance department. Must be the military upbringing. Put all their oddities down to that.