

**RITA** Female, 40's Joelle's highly ambitious boss. Joined the service after Joelle but has climbed the greasy pole in record time. Has principles but is a politician first. Justifies this by convincing herself that she can do greater good the more power she has. Admires Joelle but also finds it frustrating that she often fails to see "the bigger picture" as she calls it i.e. doesn't consider the enemies she makes along the way or cultivate friends in the right places.

AUDITION SIDE:

RITA:

Sounds more Sheriff's Office than Budget and Management Services. Back off. Trust me, you don't want to mess with those guys. They'll gobble you up and spit you out before breakfast. I'm serious. It's no secret I'm in line to replace Carney when he retires. My intention is to recommend you as my replacement but you gotta keep your nose clean. Both our noses clean. That way we can prevent another Charmaine Smith happening. Look, I'm sure we can rustle up the funds to give her a good send off. Poor kid. Least she deserves. The bigger picture. That's what you have to focus on Joelle the bigger picture. Are we clear?