**AUDITION SIDE #3: LOUISE & DAVE**

LOUISE Hey there! Hi!

DAVE Oh!

LOUISE Louise Peakes.

DAVE Yes, I…

LOUISE Just giving you an update from the reception area. I have almost figured out the phone at my desk; I’m very close. I’m not quite answering it, okay, but I am getting comfortable just letting it ring. On the upside, at least I know I can work the intercom, since I was able to talk to you in here earlier.

DAVE When? What?

LOUISE When I buzzed you. When we spoke. On the intercom. That wasn’t you?

DAVE No.

LOUISE Oh, okay. That’s why you sounded French. So we didn’t talk about Mr. Pants?

DAVE Who?

LOUISE The man waiting to see the Governor: Mr. Pants.

DAVE You mean *Vance*, Mr. *Vance*?

LOUISE Could be. His first name is Martha?

DAVE *Arthur*?

LOUISE He flew here from Austin?

DAVE Boston?

LOUISE Which is the one in Mississippi?

DAVE Massachusetts?

LOUISE Okay, let’s start over. He’s working with the woman who was in here earlier… who does upholstery.

DAVE Or… *polling*, maybe.

LOUISE Well, she’s an upholsterer.

DAVE No, I think she’s a pollster.

LOUISE Upholsterer.

DAVE A… pollster.

LOUISE …er.

DAVE Uh… did you get the note I left on your desk?

LOUISE A reporter from Channel 1 will be here at 3 o’clock.

DAVE Uh… a reporter from Channel 3 will be here at 1 o’clock.

LOUISE Okay, are those two different reporters, or…?

DAVE No, just the one. At one o’clock – which is in twenty minutes. And all I need you to do is let me know when she arrives, okay?

LOUISE Just… let you know when she gets here?

DAVE Yes.

LOUISE That’s it?

DAVE That’s it.

LOUISE Well, I can do that.

DAVE Great!

LOUISE That’s easy.

DAVE Fantastic!

LOUISE There is one other question, though, I wanted to ask.

DAVE Yes?

LOUISE There’s a bowl of candies on the coffee table out there. Would it be alright if I had some?

DAVE Yes.

LOUISE Would it be alright if I had some before I asked?

DAVE Yes.

LOUISE Would it be alright if there are no more candies in the bowl? And a follow up question: where do you keep your candies?

DAVE Can we work on that later?

LOUISE Absolutely. I’ll keep an eye out for the lady from Channel 1 at…

DAVE 3…

LOUISE At 3 o’clock, right…

DAVE One o’clock…

LOUISE Okay. (she exits)