

Audition Sides for **Aunty (Mysterious Person)**

No. Of Pages: 2+

Characters:

Aunty - 50s

Cinderella - Early 20s

Scenario:

Aunty has a conversation with a miserable Cinderella at her mother's graveside. [New Lines]

INT. KEMI'S GRAVESIDE - DAY

CINDERELLA is at her mother's grave.

CINDERELLA

...She's trying to make us forget  
you mum - she's systematically  
removing every trace of you from  
our lives -

(beat)

It's not fair, mum, you should not  
have left us alone -

AUNTY (O.S.)

But you are not alone, my dear.

Startled, CINDERELLA swirls round to see AUNTY, a warm,  
matronly woman who appears to be in her 60s. CINDERELLA gets  
to her feet quickly, slightly afraid.

AUNTY (CONT'D)

I am not a ghost.

CINDERELLA steps back, as if she's read her mind.

AUNTY (CONT'D)

And no, I cannot read minds.

She whips out a handkerchief for CINDERELLA who's looking for  
a tissue. Tentatively, CINDERELLA takes it and wipes her  
eyes.

CINDERELLA

Sorry, ma, but can I ask - who are  
you?

AUNTY

Ah, Dere, you want so much, and yet  
you want so little -

CINDERELLA

How do you know my name?

AUNTY

But, you have to learn to ask the  
right questions.

CINDERELLA

What do you mean?

AUNTY

What do you want, Cinderella?

CINDERELLA

I - I -

(stops)

I want to go to the party.

(MORE)

CINDERELLA (CONT'D)

But I don't know where it is. I've got nothing to wear...

AUNTY

Alright. Goodbye.

AUNTY turns and starts to walk away. CINDERELLA didn't expect this.

CINDERELLA

Aunty - where are you going?

AUNTY

Home. I'm hungry. And you don't know what you want.

CINDERELLA

But I do! I do know what I want -

AUNTY

No, but you make all these excuses, my dear. You light a fire, then put it out, then light again. It's exhausting. And I'm tired now, and hungry -

CINDERELLA

I want to go to the party.

AUNTY

Then let's go see what you have in your wardrobe. I'm very good with my hands...

She claps her hands like an excited school girl, and starts to walk away. CINDERELLA runs to catch up with her and sees that AUNTY's just finished peeling an egg and takes a bite out of it. CINDERELLA frowns. Where did she get the egg? She's not carrying a bag...

AUNTY (CONT'D)

Want a boiled egg?

She hands her another boiled egg, seemingly from nowhere, but you're not quite sure...

CINDERELLA

(uncertain)

Thank you -

AUNTY

Come, quickly. We have work to do. By the time we're finished, even you wouldn't recognise yourself!

(Calling out)

Sule! Come quickly! We will beat the traffic! We will get Cinderella to the party!