

Audition Sides for **USMAN**

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Characters:

Usman - Early 30s

Mofe - Early 30s

Chichi - Early 30s

Scenario:

Mofe discusses his encounter with 'Dere with his best friend and side-kick, Usman. Usman teases him about being bitten by the bug. Mofe disagrees. She's just interesting that's all.  
[New lines]

INT. BGI OFFICES - MOFE'S OFFICE - NIGHT

MOFE and USMAN his best friend are in his office. USMAN is smoking a cigar, and has half a decanter of whiskey on a table before him. He is on a tablet. MOFE is behind his desk, working on his computer. CHICHI his EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT walks in with some files. She's pretty and sophisticated. She places the documents in front of MOFE and hands him a pen. He looks up at her and then signs the documents with a flourish. He hands over the pen and the files which she takes, then bends and plants a kiss on his lips and smiles.

CHICHI

'Coming over tonight?

MOFE

No, Usman and I have other plans.

USMAN looks up and smiles mischievously.

CHICHI

Don't hurt yourselves now, will you?

USMAN

(subtle innuendo)

Oh, we play nice, and gentle -

MOFE

(laughing)

Behave yourself!

CHICHI

See you tomorrow, boss!

MOFE

Ciao!

She walks briskly out, self-assured and confident.

USMAN

I like her.

MOFE

Chichi? You fancy her?

USMAN

Are you mad? I said I like her. Since when does that mean I fancy her?

MOFE

No vex. Yeah, she's cool. Watches my back, cleans up my messes, no strings attached -

USMAN

The perfect assistant with benefits

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MOFE

I swear, Usman, if you were not my friend -

USMAN

Hey - I tell it like it is. I don't have time to beat about the bush.

Joins him at the desk.

USMAN (CONT'D)

So - what about this youth corper you met in the coffee room?

MOFE

(frowns)

Yeah. I don't know, man. She studied in the UK - er, Law and International relations, I think.

(beat)

I don't know -

USMAN

What, what, what!

(snorts)

Is the player-king falling for the innocent little thing from the UK?

MOFE

(thoughtfully)

No, I don't think it's that. She's idealistic and optimistic -

USMAN

That's a terrible combination in our environment -

MOFE

But - we used to be like that, didn't we?

USMAN

(snorts)

A friend told me when he first came back he was so naive, he was like a virgin in a pack of horny males. He's not so naive anymore.

MOFE

So idealism and optimism are sacrificed on the altar of realism?

USMAN

(laughs)

This youth corper of yours is a subversive! We are in the business of making money, man. Leave the morality and ethics to NGOs and religion.

MOFE

(snorts)

Subversive, eh?

USMAN

Mofe, don't go soft on me. Life is simple - don't complicate it. In life, not just here, you have the haves, and the haves nots. There's no in-between. Thank whatever god you serve that you're with the haves!

He downs his drink and blows out a cloud of cigar smoke.

USMAN (CONT'D)

Now get your butt out of that chair - we've got a date with a couple of girls who understand the value of money.

USMAN hands him his coat, which MOFE catches deftly, and smiles, then shrugs into his coat and they both head out, USMAN slapping him genially on the back.