

## Thank you for auditioning for

## **CLUE**

## STAGES ST. LOUIS 2023

## PLEASE PREPARE THIS SIDE FOR BOTH INITIAL APPOINTMENT AND CALLBACK.

Callbacks for this will be on 2/10. Please let us know in advance if you are not available for callbacks on 2/10.

PLEASE BRING A HARDCOPY HEADSHOT/RESUME OR WE WILL NOT HAVE ONE IN THE ROOM.

Please email staff@wojcasting.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

**Wojcik Casting Team** 



WADSWORTH

**START** The police are coming in less than an hour!

ALL

"What?" "Why?" "The police?!" "What are you talking about?" Etc.

BODDY

(recovering)

Unless ...

ALL

Unless, what?

MR. BODDY refers to his briefcase.

BODDY

You agree to double down.

SCARLET

And why would we agree to that?

BODDY

Because if you don't, I'll put this briefcase - containing all the evidence needed to expose your wrongdoings - in the hands of the police, the press, and the House Un-American committee. With the right spin, those fellas can make a commie outta anyone. I think some of you would face a lifetime of jail, and others, a lifetime of shame.

ALL

"That's why you've brought us all here?!" "You bastard!" "Get that briefcase!" "You're taking advantage of a tenuous political situation!" Etc ...

BODDY

Unless ...

ALL (INCLUDING WADSWORTH)

Unless what?!

BODDY

Well, there is something you could do for me that would change the game. Something I just can't bear to do myself.

ALL (INCLUDING WADSWORTH)

What?!

BODDY

(to GUESTS)

Have a seat, please.

The GUESTS move to the SOFA. The LADIES sit, the GENTLEMEN stand behind. After a brief silence ...

GREEN

(re: a side table behind
 the sofa)

Is it alright if I sit here ...

Before he can get the word out, GREEN sits on the edge of the table which surprisingly collapses noisily.

GREEN (CONT'D)

(bouncing back up)

Sorry, sorry. Little accident prone. Sorry.

WADSWORTH

(then - genuine to BODDY)

What's this about, sir?

BODDY

In this bag, there are six packages that I thought our guests might find useful this evening.

BODDY begins to empty a duffle bag full of packages into the arms of WADSWORTH.

WADSWORTH

Packages?

BODDY

Presents, if you will. I'm a generous sort of fellow.

WADSWORTH

Are you?

BODDY

Wadsworth, will you please see to it that each guest receives a gift?

WADSWORTH

Gladly.

WADSWORTH moves to distribute the gifts.

BODDY

(pouring himself a

brandy)

Anyone wanna make a guess as to what's in your boxes?

SCARLET

Perfume?

WHITE

Candy?

PEACOCK

A rare single malt Scotch Whiskey?

BODDY

(with a laugh)

Aren't guessing games fun?

(then)

Please - open them.

SCARLET opens her BOX. Puzzled, SHE lifts out a heavy brass candlestick. MUSIC STING. SHE looks at BODDY.

SCARLET

A candlestick? What's this for?

One by one, with a MUSIC STING, each of the GUESTS open their boxes, pulling out their "gift."

MUSTARD

A wrench...

GREEN

A lead pipe...

PEACOCK

A dagger...

PLUM

A revolver...

WHITE

Ahhhhhh! A snake!

(then)

Oh, no. It's a rope.

BODDY

In your hands you each have a lethal weapon.

THEY GASP.

BODDY (CONT'D)

You all came tonight because you believed the evidence against you was so terrible that you would do anything to keep it a secret. I'm putting that theory to the test.

WADSWORTH

You are?

BODDY

Mr. Wadsworth here is the only other person who knows your secrets; and it's costing us all dearly to keep him quiet.

GREEN

What do you mean?

BODDY

I wouldn't have to double your payments if I didn't have to pay Mr. Wadsworth for his silence.

ALL

Wadsworth?!

WADSWORTH

That's a lie!

BODDY

He may look suave and charming ...

WADSWORTH

Thank you ...

BODDY

But really he's conniving and manipulative.

WADSWORTH

False!

BODDY

Why do you think he's called the police?

PLUM

(to WADSWORTH)

You called the police?

WADSWORTH

Only because HE instructed me to do so!

BODDY

Did I?

(then)

Ladies and gentlemen ... if you can manage to get *rid* of Mr. Wadsworth, I'll have no need to increase your blackmail or expose you to the police.

PLUM

Get rid of?

PEACOCK

(to WHITE)

Does he mean ... kill him?!

BODDY

In fact, if you can eliminate Wadsworth ...

WHITE

Yes, I think that's what he means.

BODDY

... Who not only knows all of your secrets, but also mine - then I will *eliminate* your blackmail altogether and be done with this terrible business once and for all.

WADSWORTH

You would never!

PLUM

But why make us do it, Boddy?! Why don't you do your dirty work yourself?

GREEN

Yeah!

BODDY

Why should I when the six of you are so uniquely motivated ... and armed?

SCARLET

What a patriot.

WADSWORTH

After all I've done for you?!

(to GUESTS)

He's a liar! I'm one of you! I'm not a butler! I'm an indentured servant!

BODDY

A familiar refrain.

(darkly)

Don't make a scene, Wadsworth. It's over.

(to GUESTS)

The police are on their way. Now's your chance. The only way for you to end your blackmail and avoid finding yourselves on the front pages is for one of you to kill Wadsworth ... NOW!

HE switches off the LIGHTS.
BLACKNESS. CHAOS. SCREAMS. A GUN
SHOT. MORE CHAOS AND SCREAMS.
LIGHTS.

BODD lies on the floor from. Face down EVERYONE are is spread throughout the Start.

WHITE

It's Mr. Boddy!

WADSWORTH

(enormously relieved)

Oh thak God.