

 AUDITION SIDE - RENEE (SHARON'S MOTHER)

IN MY PAIN

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CHARACTER
DESCRIPTION:

Renee is Sharon's mother. Hardened by life and survival, she carries a tough-love personality and struggles to express affection openly. Beneath her rough exterior is a woman who deeply loves her daughter and grandchildren, but years of disappointment, pain, and survival have made her guarded. The actor should be able to balance strength, frustration, heartbreak, and buried compassion.

Caucasian Female

Age Range: 40s-60s

INT. MOTHER'S HOUSE - DAY

Renee confronts Sharon after learning the children have been exposed to drug use and emotional instability.

RENEE
They told me you been cryin' all
the time.

Sharon looks away.

SHARON
Kids say anything.

RENEE
They said the house always smoky.

A beat.

SHARON
I cook. It get like that sometimes.

Renee shakes her head immediately.

RENEE
Don't do that.

A beat.

RENEE (CONT'D)
Are you back on drugs?

Silence.

SHARON
No.

Too quick.

Renee's face hardens.

RENEE
You lyin'.

SHARON
I'm not lyin'. I'm workin', I'm
takin' care of my kids—

RENEE
You call that takin' care of 'em?

That lands.

SHARON
I'm doin' the best I can.

Renee steps closer, lowering her voice.

RENEE
Your best got them scared to be in
they own house.

A beat.

SHARON
They fine.

RENEE
No. They not fine.

Silence.

RENEE (CONT'D)
You need to check yourself into
rehab.

SHARON
I'm not goin' back there.

RENEE
Then you not takin' them babies
back with you.

SCENE 2 - "DON'T COME BACK"

INT. MOTHER'S HOUSE - DAY

Sharon arrives unexpectedly, cleaned up and asking to see her children.

SHARON

Can I just see them? Just for a minute?

Renee stands firm.

RENEE

They not here.

A beat.

SHARON

Okay... when they comin' back?

RENEE

Even if they was here... you wouldn't see them.

That hits Sharon hard.

SHARON

Why you keep doin' this?

RENEE

Because I don't believe you.

SHARON

I'm clean.

RENEE

No, you not.

SHARON

You don't even know that.

RENEE

I know you.

A long silence.

SHARON

I'm tryin'.

RENEE

Try harder.

Sharon's eyes begin to water.

SHARON
They my kids.

RENEE
Then act like it.

A beat.

RENEE (CONT'D)
Don't come back here until you got
your life together.

SELF-TAPE NOTES:

Actors auditioning for Renee should:

Avoid playing the character as simply "mean" or cold


The love for Sharon should still exist underneath the anger

Focus on emotional restraint and lived-in pain

Character should feel realistic, grounded, and emotionally
exhausted

Strong dramatic timing and natural delivery are important

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