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WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ACTOR

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ME

Why do you want to be an actor?

ACTOR

Because I love it.

ME

Mm. Why else?

ACTOR

Because I can't imagine doing anything else.

ME

Right. And? Why do you want to be an actor?

ACTOR

So I can escape reality. I'm good at that.

ME

Why do you really want to be an actor? Convince me. Make me believe you. Tell me why you want it so badly.

ACTOR

Um, I don't know. I just love it. It's what I've always dreamed of doing. Since I was 11.

ME

Why?

ACTOR

(tears form)

Because I want to show my fucked up family I can do it. Prove them wrong. I want to shove it in their faces. Why do I want to be an actor? So that when I'm rich and famous I'll sit there and they'll come crawling back saying "that's my little sister" but I won't give a shit. I don't care. They don't like me. They never did. I can't help that I look different or speak different. So they can get fucked for all I care. They're nothing to me. They can go back to the gutters where they came from.

ME

I believe you. Well done. Are you okay?

ACTOR

Sorry. I didn't mean all that.

ME

Yes you did. Don't apologise for the truth.

ACTOR

Wow. I've never said that before.

ME

Good. I'm sorry to do that to you but I needed to know. If you can't convince me why you want to be an actor then there's no point to you being here. Don't come to me if you don't want to hear the truth. I'll always be honest with you. I'll give you feedback and you might not like it.

ACTOR

Okay.

ME

You still want to go ahead?

ACTOR

Absolutely.

ME

Good. Professionalism is the most important thing to me. That and honesty. I expect you to be professional and honest at all times. And I will too.

ACTOR

Okay.

ME

Let's start.