

- PLEASE USE A TELEPROMPTER APP
- FRAMING IS CLOSE-UP, TOP OF HEAD TO CHEST
- POSITION THE APP AS CLOSE TO THE LENS AS POSSIBLE AND LOOK STRAIGHT INTO THE CAMERA

1. TESTIMONIAL

Audition notes: In this scene, Beatrice is setting up her story, why she gambles, how gambling grew to be a problem, and the effects on her relationship with her daughter as well as her health and mental well-being. We're not proving any emotional cues; we'd like to see how you would interpret the character's state of mind.

SCREEN DIRECTION: TO CAMERA

BEATRICE

I met some ladies at church bingo and they invited me to go to the casino with them, and it felt so exciting! It reminded me of when I used to go with my husband Bill on little getaways. *smiles fondly* But after he passed away, I lost purpose in life. I started to see a therapist; I was so sad all the time.

So, once I started going back to the casino, it felt like I found my happiness again. Slots became my way of getting out of my head. The electrifying atmosphere sucks me in...

But lately... I've been spending a lot on the machines. I borrowed money from my daughter on a few occasions just to pay my bills. Being at the casino was starting to affect my health too. I would find myself smoking a lot more, eating much more junk food. And you know, sitting at the machine for hours and hours just wasn't good for my body.

One day, I was going to meet my friends at the casino, but my car wouldn't start. I was so excited to go, and then to not be able to... I felt miserable, irritable... And my poor daughter happened to call me, and I took everything out on her. After the call, I remember thinking to myself, "This isn't who I am... This isn't the person I want to be." I couldn't deny it anymore and had to admit to myself that this was a problem. So, for now, my goal is to quit gambling.

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