

THE H WORD AUDITION SIDE: PHASE 4 (ARMEIN/PAPA)

Role: Phase 4 (Armein/Papa) Moments of life: 26-43 ADULTHOOD): This Phase is a culmination of all 3 Phases. In our world they are the protagonist, and our recently deceased. Character is very grounded. An integral and active part in the community. Learning to become comfortable in living his truth. A work in progress. A great father.

Notes from casting: When delivering this monologue think tempo. This character is grounded and fully formed. Although they are recently deceased, this holds no weight on how they operate and function in the space. This monologue isn't angry, it's fact and it's expressive.

PHASE 3

Yeah! Who the fuck are you?

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PHASE 4

I'm you. I'm an explorer who runs through the breeze carefree, letting his head do the leading. Daddy's best friend. That quiet kid who was different and made fun of. The one who found and lost himself all in an instant. I'm a fucking runner. But I'm also a leader. And to the most beautiful soul to ever grace this earth. I'm Papa. I am someone who will be missed. *(beat)* And I may not have had it easy, but that is not my story. And it certainly isn't who I am.

You're right. I didn't stick to the plan. But I had another one. You said it yourself, being at the youth center was like finding a home. That became clearer as the years went by. I began to find my tribe; I found my place and I finally was finding myself. Then I found Ray. The first person to truly ever get behind the walls I built over the years. He showed me what the world truly looked like for someone who fully lived in their truth. What life should be like. Together we built a love ████████ that not even this could break.

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PHASE 1

So that's who Ray is.

PHASE 4

Yes, the sunset at the end of the evening. And the sunrise that gave me strength to take on the day. He and I bought the Youth Center. And he made it a space for Queer youth, a place where they can be themselves, free to explore and learn without being judged. A home, the same way the youth center gave me one. So no, I didn't stick to the plan, but I made a better one.

PHASE 3

What about Lydia?

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Lydia basically grew up at the center. She loves that place, and she helps out all the time when she can. Our girl is busy making real change in the world. These young ones have a fire, a fight that I-

PHASE 3

Never had?

PHASE 4

That I misplaced. For a moment in time, but that fire, that fight it came back. I made sure of that.