

## GET SMART 2023 - AUDITION PASSAGE

### ENSEMBLE

MEMORIZE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES – YOU MAY BE ASKED TO READ ANOTHER

#### PASSAGE 1 – READ MYRA

**MYRA** *(to Helen, hushed)*. Be very careful.

**HELEN** *(hushed, in reply)* I am very.

**MYRA** *(hushed)* Fred – what about the target?

**FRED** *(also hushed)* Target?

**MYRA** For Professor Dante's test.

**FRED** *(going back off L)* Oh – sure – I'll get it.

*(Smart comes on dressed in wildly out-of-date College outfit.)*

**MYRA** *(incredulous)* You've got to be kidding. Who are you?

**SMART** Maxwell Smart – a fellow student – here to assist Professor Dante with his experiment.

*(Fred comes back on L, carrying an object)*

**MYRA** Where's Professor Zalinka – she's supposed to assist.

**HELEN** She stopped to make a phone call.

**SMART** *(suspiciously)* Phone call?

**MYRA** *(patiently)* Professor Zalinka is absolutely dedicated to the success of the Inthermo.

**SMART** I see. Well, let's get on with the test.

*(Dante activates the apparatus, and the globes explode. There is a general gasp.)*

**MYRA** Wow! It worked! They've been incinerated by the little scale model.

**DANTE** *(Sadly)* This is terrible.

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#### PASSAGE 2 – READ HELEN

*(The students are coming on R, carrying notebooks as well as some trash.)*

**HELEN** The laboratory is cleaner now than we found it. So clean you could perform an appendectomy. A lot of the mess is from the classes before us. *(humorous salute to 13 and 44 as she passes)* You secret agents come up with anything?

**13** *(bristling)* Who said we're secret agents?

**HELEN** Oh, come on. You're like – obvious. So much coming and going since yesterday – what's up?

**13** What would we know?

**HELEN** Even the secret agents don't know what's happening! *(pauses)* There was another man hanging around – but he disappeared.

**13** *(urgently)* What other man?

**HELEN** I think his name was Smart. That's it – Max Smart.

**13** *(disappointed)* Oh... him.

**HELEN** An over-age student. You know, one of those guys that never seems to graduate.

**13** I'm curious. You think we're secret agents, but not this Smart fella. Why's that?

**HELEN** When I asked Smart what's his line, he shot back – "I'm a spy!" It's so ridiculous! What *real* secret agent would say a thing like that?