

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(Smart comes on dressed in wildly out-of-date College outfit.)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