***Sweat***

Audition Sides – Cynthia

*Absolutely no expectation for you to have this memorized. Give it all you’ve got and don’t be afraid! – Cleopatra*

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. . .You know what’s crazy, when I started at the plant it felt like I was invited into an exclusive club. Not many of us folks worked there. Not us. So, when I put on my jacket, I knew I’d accomplished something. I was set. And when I got my union card, you couldn’t tell me anything. Sometimes when I was shopping I would let it slip out of my wallet onto the counter just so folks could see it. I was so proud of that. (. . .) No one in my family ever made it beyond the floor. (. . .) And, I wanted this job so bad. Ever since I stepped into the plant, and saw how the white hats left work in clothes as clean as when they walked in. They seemed untouchable.

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With this NAFTA bullshit they can move the whole factory to Mexico tomorrow morning, and a woman like you will stand for sixteen hours and be happy making a fraction of what they’re paying you. (. . .) But, if we do this right we can protect the rest of your jobs. That’s the point. None of us wanna go anywhere. But be real, you think you’re alone? Look at what went down at Clemmons. The union took a hard line, and look what happened to them. You wanna join those folks on unemployment, be my guest.