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MILES MUSSENDEN

Miles Mussenden is a British-born, American film and television actor known for bringing strength, warmth and charm to a myriad of characters. Miles started acting in the theater when he was a young child in New York City, at which time he attended the New York Academy of Dramatic Arts. He has since been featured in recurring roles on *Queen Sugar*, *Army Wives*, and *Bloodline*. Additionally, he's made appearances on hit TV shows *Stranger Things*, *Ballers*, *Secrets and Lies*, *Mr. Mercedes*, etc. Currently, Miles can be seen as the role of 'Otis Johnson' (Cloak/Tyrone's father) in Marvel's new TV series *Cloak and Dagger*, (starring Olivia Holt and Aubrey Joseph), airing on Freeform. The series, which premiered in June 2018, amassed 7.3-million views across linear and digital platforms -- making it Freeform's best-ever digital debut in the network's history (read more on [The Marvel Report](#)).

Furthering his career, Miles continues to be one-to-watch for the year 2020 with many buzzworthy projects already under his belt. He will be starring in the forthcoming Showtime historical series 'The Good Lord Bird,' from Blumhouse Television (alongside Ethan Hawke). The series is based on the award-winning novel of the same name by James McBride, surrounding the tale of American abolitionist John Brown and his initiatives to end slavery. Miles will additionally star in the forthcoming Apple scripted series 'Swagger,' a basketball-themed drama from NBA superstar Kevin Durant, co-creator Reggie Rock Bythewood, CBS TV Studio and Imagine TV.

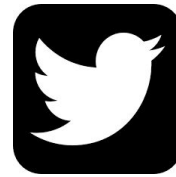
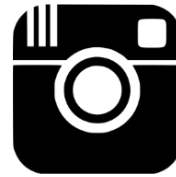
Miles was born in London, and raised in Brooklyn, New York. His parents hailed from the South American country of Guyana. Growing up in a low-income neighborhood similar to his parents, Miles developed a special yearning to help 'at risk' youth which he still advocates for today. From a young age, he was recruited by his father to help manage the four McDonald's restaurants that he owned. While working there, Miles revamped their training program by adding skits and role play activities to train their 300+ employees. McDonald's Corporate took notice of the success of this new training method and awarded Miles with the coveted 'Lightbulb Pin' for enlightening the system. Following, Miles began a career in real estate development, while simultaneously working for his own record company. He produced reggae and hip hop music, including projects for Grammy award-winning artist Shabba Ranks. While working, he spent much of his time acting on stage at his church. It was in 2010 that Miles decided it was time to fully take a chance on pursuing his real career passion: acting.

When Miles is not filming, he loves to spend quality time with his wife and children, play music, ride motorcycles and explore ancient cities throughout the world. He also works with local hands-on and non-profit charity organizations such as *Front and Center*, supporting 'at risk' youth, and *Caring For Others* supporting struggling families. He currently splits his time between New York City and Atlanta.

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MARVEL'S CLOAK & DAGGER/Miles Mussenden

Taking on the mantle of a parent and helping to raise as well as guide a child as he or she grows up has always been challenging, frustrating, fulfilling, and so many other things. Imagine, though, if your child, especially in his or her late teens, suddenly discovered he or she had superpowers. That would add an entirely new dimension to an already complex relationship. After all, how do you set a curfew for a budding superhero, tell them to do their homework, or make sure they take out the garbage?

In Freeform's new series *Marvel's Cloak & Dagger*, Otis Johnson, his wife Adina, and youngest son Tyrone tragically lost their oldest son and older brother several years ago. Unbeknownst to them, this tragedy was also

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MARVEL'S CLOAK & DAGGER: MILES MUSSENDEN AS OTIS JOHNSON.

the catalyst that imbued Tyrone and a young girl named Tandy Bowen with superpowers. Their abilities would not, however, manifest themselves until years later, when destiny brought Tyrone and Tandy back together. As his youngest son struggles to figure out not only how to control his newfound superpowers but also how they will affect his future, Otis continues to shoulder the responsibility of keeping his family together and safe. As a husband and father himself, actor Miles Mussenden, who plays Otis, can certainly understand his character's familial commitment.

"Otis is kind of a buttoned-up guy who's been through some hardships and past trauma," explains the actor. "So he does his best to protect his family from anything else happening to them and is trying to compensate for some of his past shortcomings. Otis is much like a lion who only wants to provide for and safeguard those he loves. Family enough, I felt very comfortable and at home with this character from the time I read at the initial audition. So it wasn't too hard

for me to step into this role, except that there are some really heavy things that happen in the Johnson family's life. That was the challenge in that I had to go to a dark place because certain scenes called for a great deal of emotion. As an actor you can't fake it. You have to reach deep down inside yourself to live in those moments and bring something honest to the audience.

"When you first meet my character he's very much no-nonsense and a disciplinarian. As the season unfolds, it's almost like Otis begins to lose some of the 'control' he's had over the past several years. He has to desperately reach out and find a way to keep things under control and what he considers safe. In the process, a number of interesting things occur, and it especially affects Otis's relationship with Tyrone

"I was also ecstatic to have the opportunity to work with Gloria Reuben. She's been at this for a while and has done amazing work over the years. Our onscreen chemistry is great and very much a give and take because Gloria is such a generous actor. Whenever I wasn't in a scene, I'd sit on-set and watch the rest of the cast at work. One day I was watching her and Aubrey in a scene, and seeing Gloria in action is just mind-blowing. I thought, 'Wow, Aubrey has to spar with this lady who's been acting for 30 years.' He held his own, of course, but it was a sight to behold."

Mussenden made his debut onstage in New York City when he was just a child and later honed his craft at the New York Academy of Dramatic Arts. The actor's other TV credits include recurring roles in *Army Wives*, *Queen Sugar*, and *Bloodline*, as well as appearances on such other shows as *Nashville*, *Drop Dead Diva*, *Containment*, and *Mr. Mercedes*. His role of Otis Johnson on *Marvel's Cloak & Dagger* is his first as a series regular, and he could not be prouder to be a part of the show. "It's a privilege to give audiences an intimate look at how a family copes with trauma, and in such a way that, I hope, comes across as real and honest," notes the actor.

Marvel's Cloak & Dagger airs Thursdays at 8 PM EST on Freeform.

SHADOWHUNTERS/Isaiah Mustafa

For as long as he can remember, Isaiah Mustafa wanted to be an actor and, in fact, started performing at a young age. Any ambitions he had to one day pursue a career in the business were put on hold, though, when during his high school years, Mustafa became more sports oriented. The actor continued his studies at college, where he also began playing football. After graduating in 1995 from Arizona State University, Mustafa spent the next five years with the NFL, but luckily for his fans, eventually decided to pick back up where he left off with acting.

"I got headshots, began taking acting classes, and tried my hardest to get auditions," he recalls. "It was definitely an interesting transition, but there's no one way to break into acting. It has a lot to do with luck as well as chance and, of course, plenty of determination. If you do good work and people like it, hopefully you'll then get more opportunities to show what you can do, which is its own reward as an actor."

Madea's Big Happy Family, *Horrible Bosses*, and *The Three Stooges* are among the feature films that Mustafa has appeared in, while his numerous TV credits include *Ugly Betty*, *NCIS: Castle*, *Nikita*, *Anger Management*, and *Total Divas*. In 2010, the actor suddenly gained even greater small screen notoriety after his debut in what became a series of popular "The Man Your Man Could Smell Like" ads for Old Spice men's grooming products. Currently, Mustafa can be seen as Luke Garroway in Freeform's *Shad-*

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WATCH: Stars Olivia Holt, Aubrey Joseph, and Miles Mussenden from "Marvel's Cloak & Dagger" are here to prepare you for tonight's series premiere! Don't miss the two-hour debut at 8/7c on Freeform.



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Newest Marvel Series to Hit the Air: 'Cloak & Dagger'



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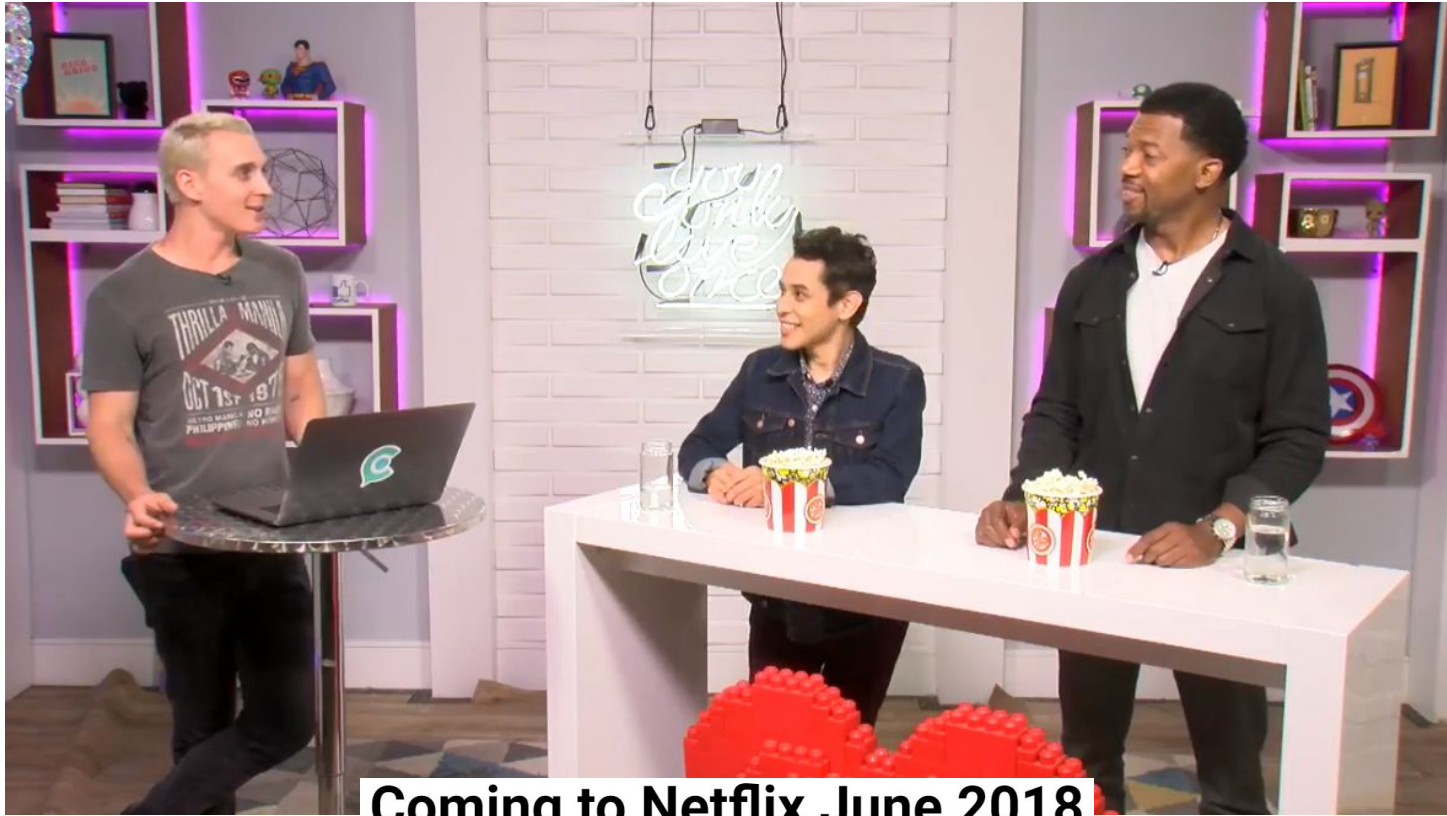
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Miles Mussenden Talks Starring In Marvel's Cloak & Dagger + Emergence of Black Superheroes



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Episode 41 - Miles Mussenden (Marvel's Cloak and Dagger, Stranger Things, Army Wives)

This week we're talking with one of the stars of the newest Marvel TV series (Freeform Network) Cloak and Dagger! Miles Mussenden joins us to talk about going from working at McDonald's to being cast as Denzel Washington's stand in on the movie Flight! We also talk about Stranger Things and Army Wives along with his strangest fan encounter.

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DAILY GRIND PODCAST



Miles Mussenden is a force to be reckoned with as he joins the Marvel Universe this summer in the action-packed new TV series *Cloak and Dagger* on Freeform. Miles will play the series regular role of 'Michael Johnson' (Cloak's father) in the TV series, alongside stars Olivia Holt and Aubrey Joseph (Cloak / Tyrone Johnson). **The series recently premiered to the highest numbers that Freeform has seen in a series since the *Pretty Little Liars* finale with 1.64M live viewers.**

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Meet the cast of *Marvel's Cloak & Dagger*



Otis Johnson (Miles Mussenden)

Otis trudges through his desk job to keep his family safe and happy, all while too-quietly mourning a loss. This working-class father does what he can to ensure his son Tyrone will grow up to be a man.

Man Of Style: Miles Mussenden



MR recently spoke to Mussenden about his new attitude on fashion, favorite stores and valuable tips to help any man look good!

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Fuel Your Newfound Cloak & Dagger Obsession and Follow the Cast on Instagram



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Hi Miles, welcome to VENTS! How have you been?
Hey folks, thank you so much for having me. I'm doing great awaiting the premiere of Cloak and Dagger with bated breath.

Having started your career on theater – how has that background shape your acting moving on or you actually had to start from scratch once you move into film and television?

I had to pretty much start from the bottom. I knew how to act from my time in theater obviously, but it was a bit of a different muscle that had to be trained in order to master film and television. So I actually did a little extra work and did 'stand in' work for a time to get the nuance. My background in theater help me mentally knowing that I would make it once it clicked for me.

I understand you also have a past in the music – was that just kind of a side job or you actually were drawn into this prior to acting?

Where I grew up in Brooklyn saying you want to be an actor wasn't cool. However being in the music business was seen as super cool. So I actually used to perform at local events in town. I met so many people that could sing so much better than me I thought I better do something else in the business LOL. I started to produce artists.

So was there like a transition?

In the music world we had a lot of underground success and always seemed to be on the verge of breaking out. However, it was taking too long so when my father asked me to join him in the fast food biz I did so for seven years, although I continued to write. I was asked to be in a play at Church and that begat more opportunities to perform, which ultimately led me to rediscover my love for acting.

So after a few cool sporadic roles here and there, you have finally landed your first recurring role... and in a Marvel show nonetheless – how does it feel like?

I actually had recurring roles for a bit on a few shows. Cloak and Dagger is my first role as a series regular. To land a major role with Marvel / Disney is surreal. Then the style it is shot in and the writers involved make it feel like a high-end action-filled drama – which for me is an actor's dream job.

Did you feel any pressure on your shoulder as you were entering and becoming part of the Marvel family?

At first I didn't. I was just giddy about the whole thing. During a phone conversation with Jeph, he said it was an opportunity to do my best work. The planet got quiet in that moment and I got very focused. Then during the pilot one of my former agents said to me that just because I was in the pilot doesn't mean that I will actually have the role for the series. And somehow those words kind of crept into my head so for the pilot I think I went overboard in preparing, almost put myself in a little depression because there are so many heavy things happening in world of C&D. Once we got going filming

Season 1 I was in the zone.

What was the audition process like? Was it any unusual or magical (pun intended)?
I feel a bit guilty saying this, but the audition felt easy for me. I just knew this character on the inside. I probably read the sides three times and didn't have to memorize it, it was just there. It's hard to explain except to say that I could feel what the character felt and think what the character thought intuitively.

Looking at your personal bio, I notice a few connections between Otis and your personal upbringing – am I imaging things or did you get to understand this character very easily?

Yes there are some parallels, the sense of loss resonates heavily with me as I still carry the trauma from the loss of my childhood friend. I'm also a father who has many of the same concerns Otis does for my kids.

Did you get to read through some of the comics in order to understand the character or was the script enough?

I did, but not until after we filmed. I actually felt the sense of not knowing what would happen next was good for me. The comics I read for the sake of the fans so that I know what they know and understand where they're coming from with comments, etc.

Where else did you draw inspiration for this character?

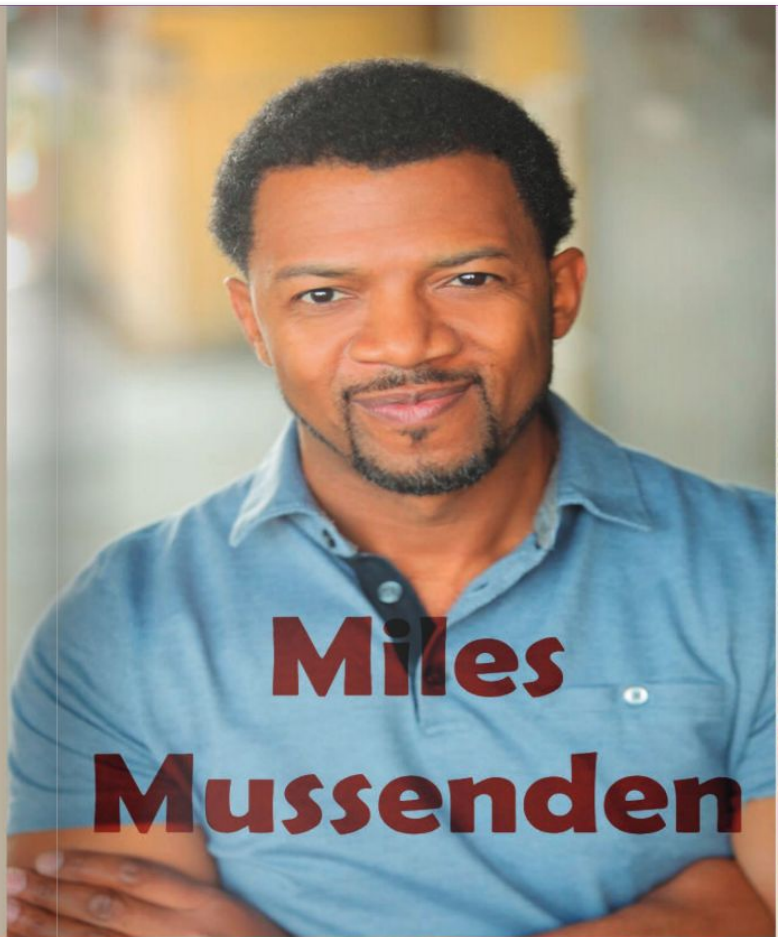
For one thing, Aubrey and I may be family in real life, we both have roots in a small country in South America called Guyana. I actually have family members with the same exact name as him. Aubrey Joseph and Gloria Reuben are so talented it just helps elevate all of the work. I also worked extensively in New York at Susan Balson's Studio just prior to filming Season 1, so I was very much in touch with my instrument.

When would we be able to catch on the show?

Ah, thought you'd never ask. Our two hour premiere will be on June 7th at 8 p.m. on Freeform.

What else is happening next in Miles Mussenden's world?

Well I'm still adjusting to 'the new normal' of being a series regular with Marvel, you know doing red and purple carpet interviews etc. Since I'm also spending even more time away from home than I used to, I'm working to make the time we have together count. As well as finding ways to make life easier for my family when I'm



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Actor, Miles Mussenden, Reveals Darker Themes In Marvel’s “Cloak and Dagger”

Miles Mussenden is a familiar face given the number of commercial spots and television roles he’s in. Now, the fast-talking New Yorker dishes on his latest role as Otis Johnson on Freeform’s *Cloak and Dagger*.

As an actor, the audition process can be grueling. Waiting on the fruits of that labor can be even worse. Miles shared the excitement of when he got the call.

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INTERVIEW: CLOAK & DAGGER'S MILES MUSSENDEN



Connecting with Miles Mussenden on *Marvel's Cloak & Dagger* was a wonderful experience, as the British-born American actor brings with him a certain light and energy. It's hard to describe, but the way that he speaks about the show, his co-stars, his career to date, and especially about the city of New Orleans, is electric in an otherworldly way. Mussenden also suggests that he knows that his character (Otis Johnson, the father of Tyrone/Cloak (Aubrey Joseph)), will begin to reveal his true presence, but he was kind enough to let the viewers of this special show discover it for themselves.

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EXCLUSIVE : CLOAK & DAGGER Scoop: Shining The Spotlight On Miles Mussenden

Some heroes are born and others are created, but all follow their own unique and amazing path. In the new superhero drama series CLOAK & DAGGER, two children find themselves bound together by one terrifying event. One will find her family ripped apart, and the other will find his family drawn together by tragedy. Getting the chance to portray a father striving to protect his family is [Miles Mussenden](#). In an exclusive interview, Miles reflects on the path that has led him to be a part of this extraordinary new series, as well as what it is like to be a part of the CLOAK & DAGGER world.

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We recently sat down with “Cloak & Dagger” star Miles Mussenden to discuss playing the father of a superhero, why his character has been keeping secrets from his fictional family, and the reason fans will want to sit back and enjoy the explosive ride that is Season 1.

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In his latest role, Miles will play Otis Johnson, the father of Tyrone/Cloak in Marvel's Cloak & Dagger. The series is set to air on Freeform on June 7 and is based on the Marvel Comics of the same name.

We recently had the opportunity to ask get the lowdown on Cloak & Dagger from Miles, whilst also asking him about his ultimate super power, his philanthropic work and his love for music.

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Miles Mussenden & Andrea Roth Interview: Cloak & Dagger



Miles Mussenden is an actor and music producer, who has paved his way in shows like *Stranger Things*, Marvel's *Luke Cage*, and *Queen Sugar*. He will be playing Otis Johnson in Freeform's *Cloak & Dagger*.

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Miles Mussenden Talks ‘Marvel’s Cloak and Dagger’

“I hope the people will love *Cloak and Dagger* the way we do. It was a labor of love for me. It was a labor of love for everybody. Everybody was operating in excellence,” he stated.

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Interview with Miles Mussenden



I had the honor to be able to interview a great actor who is quite familiar with the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and with an upcoming television show joining the Marvel family I thought it would be nice to pick the brain of this awesome actor about the upcoming series known as Cloak and Dagger! Here's my interview with Miles Mussenden:

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"Starring in a Marvel project is what an actor dreams of": Miles Mussenden gets candid about his big 'Cloak & Dagger' break



A familiar face on TV - having previously wooed fans with appearances on 'Army Wives' and 'Queen Sugar' - Miles Mussenden is, currently, aboard a big Marvel roller-coaster.

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MILES MUSSENDEN SPILLS CLOAK AND DAGGER SPOILERS

“One will live. One will die” booms *Cloak and Dagger*’s latest trailer. The series based on Marvel comics is an upcoming, well talked about series debuting on Freeform this June. Lately, anything Marvel touches turns to gold, further cementing itself as the biggest franchise in history. Stakes in and out of the series are high. Miles Mussenden who stars as Otis Johnson aka Cloak’s father, takes us a bit deeper into this new side of the Marvel Universe.



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BLACKGIRLNERDS



In part two of the interviews with the cast of *Marvel's Cloak and Dagger*, Miles Mussenden who plays Tyrone's father and Andrea Roth who plays Tandy's mother, talk about the Louisiana Culture and the different views of the father-son and mother-daughter relationship.

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