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Karimah Westbrook is a name that you might not readily recognize but a face you may definitely recognize her face from several co-starring and bit parts in major projects over the years like Moesha starring Brandy and Baadasssss starring Mario Van Pebbles to name a few.

Karimah is a Chicago born actress who was drawn to the arts very early. I found out just like myself as early as a young child first demonstrated her prowess for the arts by putting on little performances for family members as a kid. She later attended the Academy of Dramatic Arts-West in Chicago to study and hone many of the tools that would help shape her acting process and



lay the groundwork to developing her dynamically captivating acting style as a teenager. However her burning desire to get her feet wet and immerse herself in the actual industry as a working actress compelled her to leave the seemingly restrictive conservatory early to pursue her acting career.



**ACTRESS** COVER STORY And after taking a few years to really focus more on who Karimah Westbrook the woman is as opposed to Karimah Westbrook the actress is we just got a 2.0 version of the already proven amazing woman we knew before. In the more recent years of her career, she has diversified her influence in the industry as well. She has added writer and producer to her credits. In the highly critically successful short film Best Kept Secret, she actually did all three having cowrote produced and starred in it. Karimah is also a big advocate of giving back to the community and sharing her the inspiration of her strength and determination with the youth as a mentor. For several years she was a mentor at A Place Called Home which is a youth center in Los Angeles that provides mentors like

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Karimah to pour their wisdom

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One of those earliest roles comes with a cool story I had to ask about in our interview where she crashed an audition for the 2001 classic starring one of the most significant female leads at the time the fantastic Julia Stiles and booking the role of Alyssa. From that moment on Karimah hit the ground

running. She made the bold move shortly after to move to LA and has consistently worked ever since. Her confidence to jump out on faith and put herself out there to achieve her goals is inspirational. It has served her very well over the years. Though she is still working

spirational. It has served her very well over the years.
Though she is still working hard and certainly on the path to with the becoming a household name she has worked with several legends and very her early years.

And rather than be intimidated as many might become she saw these opportunities as moments to become she saw these opportunities as moments to be pushed to raise the stakes and stretch herself farther as an actress with courage and fearlessness to meet the levels of

genius she would

have to match in scenes with those artists. Of course, no journey in this business is without its obstacles. She admits she was actually so submerged in this world she wanted so strongly to be a part of that her identity felt completely intertwined

with the characters and the artist Karimah for some time. Mostly in her early years as she began her professional trajectory as a mere teenager. However, in typical Karimah fashion, this was nothing that was gonna hold her back.

well-known actors in the past.

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and positivity into the lives ofinnercity youth who need true role models to inspire them to true success that

will help them transcend their often limiting limiting environments. Karimah can be seen in the upcoming George Clooney helmed film starring Matt Damon, and Oscar Issac called Suburbicon releasing in November. She will be playing Mrs. Meyers a strong mother of an African American family moving into the seemingly perfect suburban neighborhood featured in the film which will provide a very interesting twist of a subplot into the film. And for more about Karimah's awesome story in her own words below.

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