

Yvette – a female in her early 20s

About *Tales from the Borderlands*

Tales from the Borderlands is an episodic action-adventure game based on the acclaimed *Borderlands* FPS video game. Set in a world that's a cross between *Mad Max* and your favorite Clint Eastwood spaghetti western, the tone of *Tales* will be much like that in the movie *Zombieland*, ranging from darkly serious to darkly funny at the drop of a hat. The characters in our story will be called upon to face their over-the-top challenges with a badass combination of wit, sarcasm, and savoir faire.

Tales from the Borderlands – Yvette

Bio:

Yvette is Rhys's executive assistant, and a fellow employee of the all-powerful Hyperion Corporation.

At the outset of the season, Yvette appears to be a **perky** and ultra-competent Girl Friday, eager to help her boss conduct his questionable business dealings (which she appears to not fully comprehend).

With each subsequent appearance, however, Yvette will be promoted behind the scenes, and her charming perkiness will slowly give way to a colder, harsher demeanor. By the final episode it will be revealed that she's been using Rhys to get ahead at Hyperion. It's nothing personal... it's just business.

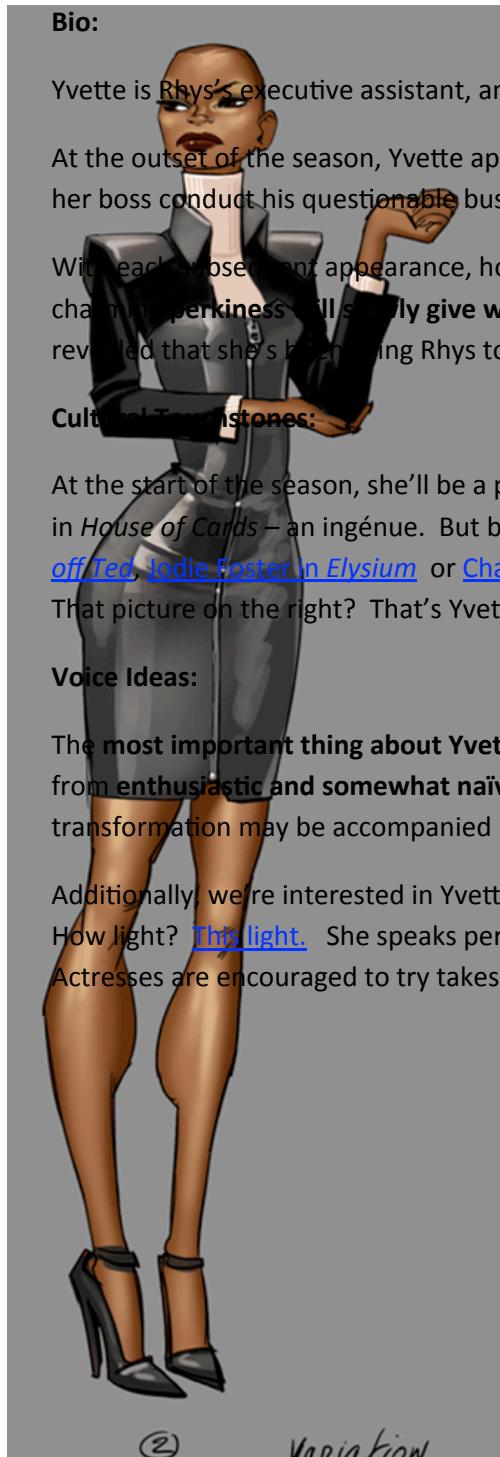
Cultural Touchstones:

At the start of the season, she'll be a plucky underdog like [Donna on *The West Wing*](#) or Kristen Connolly in *House of Cards* – an ingénue. But by the end of the season will have become [Portia De Rossi in *Better off Ted*](#), [Jodie Foster in *Elysium*](#) or [Charlize Theron in *Prometheus*](#) – a hard-as-nails corporate climber. That picture on the right? That's Yvette in her ice-cold mode.

Voice Ideas:

The most important thing about Yvette's voice is the transformation over the course of the season from enthusiastic and somewhat naïve sounding to something a lot more cold and calculating. The transformation may be accompanied by a downward shift in pitch.

Additionally, we're interested in Yvette possibly possessing a **light French (or French-Canadian) accent**. How light? [This light](#). She speaks perfect English, but you can taste a lilt of French when she speaks. Actresses are encouraged to try takes with and without the accent.



[Rhys has called up Yvette on a video phone]

YVETTE

[shocked, concerned]

Whoa, Boss, what happened to your face?

RHYS

Remember what I said about plausible deniability?

YVETTE

[eager to please]

Ohhh, this is one of THOSE things. Say no more, Chief. This is me, looking the other way. Speaking of looking, we've got a Hyperion forensics squad poking around. Anything I should be worried about?

RHYS

Uhhh.

YVETTE

That's what I thought. I'll try to stall 'em with a few unplanned fire drills.

RHYS

You're the best, Yvette.

YVETTE

I'll remember that the next time I ask for a raise.

[It's later in the season. Yvette has been promoted. Her voice might be more professional, less goofy-perky]

YVETTE

Good news, Boss. With that money you wired me, I was able to set up a couple of suspicious-looking slush funds for Lampwick over in robotics.

RHYS
Lampwick?

YVETTE

You know, the twitchy guy in the corner office who grabbed my butt at the last office party?

RHYS
Oh yeah. We hate that guy.

YVETTE

Well, we won't have him to kick around much longer. Those forensic accountants are all over his office like off-by-one errors in a nested for-loop.

RHYS
Nice work.

YVETTE

Thanks. Oh, hey, guess what!? My promotion finally came through! Looks like I won't be calling you "boss" anymore.

RHYS
Congratulations?

YVETTE

Ah, don't worry, I've still got your back. After all, without you I wouldn't be in line for Lampwick's office, now would I?

RHYS
Huh?

YVETTE
Bye!

[Rhys and Vaughn have just been ushered into a Hyperion Detention Ship by a bunch of robots, only to be confronted by the Captain... Yvette. She now looks very stern]

RHYS

Yvette!? What are you doing here?

YVETTE

[very stern and cold]

Where else would Hyperion's new Vice President of Vault Acquisitions be? Wasting her talents shackled to a middle management programmer, perhaps?

RHYS

Wait, what?

YVETTE

[breaking out of the coldness]

I'm sorry, that was totally uncool. Mr. Blake said I should sound "more authoritative" when I speak to underlings. Pretty scary, huh?

RHYS

[pennies are dropping in his head]

You... used me! All that money... you used me to buy your way up the ladder!

YVETTE

[still a little perky, but sliding back into the cold]

Well, duh, Rhys. In case you haven't noticed, using people to get ahead is kind of what we DO at Hyperion. *[aside]* Well, that and the rapacious exploitation...

RHYS

I never used anyone!

YVETTE

[cold again]

Oh, don't be silly, of course you did. Take Vaughn, for instance...

VAUGHN

What!?

