

SCENE FIVE | THE UN-BIRTHDAY PARTY

THE WHITE RABBIT ENTERS WITH A TRUMPET. ALICE AND ALL THE WONDERLAND CHARACTERS (MINUS THE CATERPILLAR AND CHESHIRE CAT) ENTER.

MUSIC CUE: RABBIT TRUMPET + TIMPS

RABBIT: Citizens of Wonderland! Bow your heads, or lose them, for our majestic majesty, our melancholy monarch, the Queen of Hearts!

EVERYONE BOWS AS THE QUEEN ENTERS: **MUSIC CUE: QUEEN'S ENTRANCE**

QUEEN: Welcome my loyal, royal objects to my party! Clap...

EVERYONE CLAPS.

QUEEN: STOP!

EVERYONE STOPS AND COWERS. THE QUEEN ADVANCES ON ALICE.

QUEEN: You are new! Who are you?

ALICE: I'm...

QUEEN: Silence when you speak to me! Well? Don't be so rude! I asked you your name?

ALICE: I cannot be silent and speak at the same time. That's impossible!

QUEEN: Impossible?! Why, when I was your age, I'd believe as many as six impossible things before breakfast! Name?!

ALICE: Alice!

QUEEN: You should always say, "Your Majesty"!

ALICE: Alice, your Majesty!

QUEEN: HUSBAND!

THE KING OF HEARTS ENTERS: **MUSIC CUE: KAZOO FANFARE**

KING: Yes? Oh, Queen of *my* Heart?!

QUEEN: Who is this 'Alice'?

KING: I have no idea my little jam tart! I've never seen her before! Are you a Heart, a Diamond, a Club or a Spade?

ALICE: I'm not a card! I'm a little girl!

QUEEN: A little girl, you say? Tell me, do you play croquet?

ALICE: No, I never have.

QUEEN: I beg your pardon?!

ALICE: No, I never have...your Majesty!

QUEEN: Then we must play today! Duchess! Fetch two game birds!

DUCHESS: Yes, your Maggoty!

THE DUCHESS COLLECTS TWO FLAMINGOS.

QUEEN: Card guards, you'll be the hoops! And White Rabbit?

RABBIT: Your Majesty?

QUEEN: Get my balls out!

RABBIT: I'm saying nothing!

THE WHITE RABBIT FETCHES TWO HEDGEHOGS.

KING: The rules are simple, Alice. Use your feathered flamingo to knock the hedgehogs through the hoops!

ALICE: When does the game end?

QUEEN: When I've won! Let the game begin!

MUSIC CUE: CROQUET MATCH

A CHAOTIC MOVEMENT SEQUENCE ENSUES: THE KING AD LIBS COMMENTARY.
THE CARDS ACT AS HOOPS AND LET THE QUEEN WIN BY JUMPING OVER THE BALL.

KING: [*Blowing a whistle:*] The game is over!

QUEEN: ...and I won! Cheer. STOP! Time to celebrate my victory with a tasty tart!

THE KING LIFTS A CLOCHE BUT THE TARTS ARE GONE: **MUSIC CUE: CHORD!**

QUEEN: Who stole my tarts?! Heads will roll for this!

RABBIT: We'll find them your majesty! [*To audience:*] Everyone, we need your help!
We're looking for some tarts!

HATTER: This is [YOUR TOWN]! You're sure to find plenty!

QUEEN: Open a line of enquiry!

KING: LINE OF ENQUIRY!

EVERYONE FORMS A LINE ACROSS THE STAGE: **MUSIC CUE: LINE OF ENQUIRY**

KING: Present arms!

THEY HOLD UP THEIR HANDS. THE QUEEN INSPECTS.

QUEEN: [*To the audience:*] You there! Peasants and riff raff! Hold up your hands!

KING: Not a sticky finger in sight, my sweet!

THE KNAVE OF HEARTS ENTERS: **MUSIC CUE: EVIL ENTRANCE**

KNAVE: Tell me I haven't missed the start of the party! Alice?! How did you escape the dungeon?!

QUEEN: Alice? In the dungeon?! Explain!

ALICE: Your majesty...

KNAVE: [*Interrupting:*] Alice STOLE your jam tarts!

QUEEN: Cards! Deck her! Off with her...

RABBIT: Hands!

QUEEN: What?

RABBIT: Knave! Show the Queen of Hearts your hands!

KNAVE: No!

QUEEN: Show me the hands or you lose the head!

THE KNAVE'S HANDS ARE COVERED IN JAM! **MUSIC CUE: SHOCK HORROR**

KING: Strawberry Jam!

RABBIT: Caught red handed!

QUEEN: You stole my tarts?!

CHESHIRE CAT ENTERS.

CHESHIRE: The tarts were just for starters! He was plotting treason!

KING: Treason?! For what reason?

QUEEN: Is this true?

KNAVE: Of course it's true!

HATTER: He's mad!

KNAVE: And none of you fools can stop me!