

AUDITION SIDE – Mathilda, Alice, Friend 1, Friend 2
from *Alice in Wonderland JR.*

MATHILDA

(a bit embarrassed by her sister's odd ways)

Alice... What are you doing...?

ALICE

(focused, professorial)

I'm not Alice! I'm Professor Alabaster, on a search for a rare rainbow caterpillar.

FRIEND 1

Is there even such a thing?

(FRIEND 1 and FRIEND 2 giggle. MATHILDA steps in.)

MATHILDA

Forget my sister. She's always got her head in the clouds.

ALICE

No, I don't.

FRIEND 2

(to MATHILDA)

Didn't you say that last week she had a tea party... by herself?

ALICE

(looking up for the first time from her caterpillar quest)

Not true!

(to the FRIENDS, now with a royal posture and tone, maybe even an accent)

You see, I had to throw a party to welcome my constituents. They traveled by boat to see me crowned "Princess Alissa, Ruler of the Land!"

FRIEND 1

...What?

FRIEND 2

You have imaginary friends, Alice?

ALICE

(hurt; to herself)

That's Princess Alissa to you.

FRIEND 1

(patronizing)

Oh, Alice. You spend way too much time playing make-believe.

FRIEND 2

You'll see when you're older. That's just kid stuff.

FRIEND 1

Come on, Mathilda. Let's go.

(The two FRIENDS exit. ALICE sits, defeated. MATHILDA lingers behind to comfort her sister.)

MATHILDA

(trying to soften the blow)

Alice. Look. They're not trying to be mean. But you're always making up stories. Always pretending to be someone you're not. A Professor... a Princess... just be yourself.

ALICE

But... who am I?

MATHILDA

I don't know who you are, Alice. That's something no one can answer but you.