**AUDITION – CHESHIRE CAT**

CHESHIRE: *That’s what she thinks, I know a girl only just three inches tall,*

*But with her imagination she’ll stop him once and for all.*

CHESHIRE:

*I need to find little Alice before the nasty Queen*

*To tell her she’s our hero and make her intervene!*

 *This won’t be easy though because she’s shrunk down to a speck, She’s absolutely tiny – a bit like Ant and Dec!*

*There’s no way the queen can win ‘cos I will make a stand! With my fluffy tail and Cheshire grin I’ll save all Wonderland!*

THE CHESHIRE CAT EXITS: **MUSIC CUE: CHESHIRE STING**

**SCENE SIX |** THE ENCHANTED GARDEN

### MUSIC CUE: 'MORNING PERSON'

ALICE: What a beautiful garden! So many lovely flowers! This is the strangest dream I’ve ever had! I do hope I can find that Joker!

CHESHIRE(OFF): Alice!

ALICE: Who said that? CHESHIRE(OFF): Me…. ow!

#### A FLOATING GRIN WITH WHISKERS APPEARS.

ALICE: Now, I’ve often seen a cat without a grin but never a grin without a cat!

CHESHIRE: Boo!

ALICE: Oh! You’re a…a…

CHESHIRE: A Cheshire Cat! Have you ever met a talking cat?

ALICE: Never! But everything seems to talk here…

CHESHIRE: True, but not everything has something to say Alice!

ALICE: Wait, how do you know my name?

CHESHIRE: I’ve been keeping my cat’s eyes on you; making sure you come to no harm. I suppose you could call me your Furry Godmother! You are going to be the hero of Wonderland!

ALICE: I couldn’t be a hero...

CHESHIRE: Oh yes you could! But you’ll only be one when you *believe* that’s what you are.

### MUSIC CUE: 'I NEED A HERO'

ALICE: If you’re here to help me, can you tell me which way to go?

CHESHIRE: That depends a great deal on where you want to get to. What’s wrong Alice?

ALICE: I don’t feel *much* like myself anymore.

CHESHIRE: You must be losing your muchness!

ALICE: My muchness?

CHESHIRE: There’s only one thing for it. *When you start to lose your muchness, You must go seek out the Duchess!* You’ll like her. She’s mad!

ALICE: Oh dear. I don’t want to be around mad people!

CHESHIRE: We’re all mad here Alice! You may have noticed that I’m not all there myself most of the time!

ALICE: Well, I’m not mad…

CHESHIRE: Of course you are. Why would you have chosen to come here otherwise?

ALICE: That makes sense!

CHESHIRE: No, it makes *nonsense*!

ALICE: Where will I find the Duchess?

CHESHIRE: Take the Tumtum path and walk until you reach the fork in the road. She’s always been careless with her cutlery!