

ALICE

Should I or shouldn't I? You know what they say: "If you don't explore, you'll never discover." But my sister Mathilda always says, "Look before you leap." Well, I'm looking and it looks pretty deep and dark and I can't see the bottom and maybe it goes all the way to the center of the earth and I'll be burnt to a crisp in the molten core like the bad marshmallow we've all heard so much about! *(pause)* Or not. *(pause)* Ok, I looked. Now it's time to leap!

(ALICE jumps down the rabbit hole and falls a long way. Her dress acts as a parachute.)

WHITE RABBIT

Attention, attention, inhabitants and subjects and all other direct or indirect objects of Wonderland: fall to your knees and tremble before her majestic majesty, her royal regality, yes, folks, your favorite monarch of mean and mine, The One, The Only, Queen of Hearts!!!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Your way home?! You'll find my way home or we'll cut off your head! You'll be who I say you are and no one else, do you understand? Nothing makes sense here, and don't you forget it. Now, before you go anywhere, you'll have to beat me in Wonderland's favorite pastime..... and don't say croquet. My dear young girl, croquet is so nineteenth-century.
