

## Audition Sides - Matilda, Escapologist, Mrs. Phelps, Trunchbull

Freely again

29 strong — to fight by her side. In-stead she's found

31 me, pa-the-tic lit-tle me. And a - no - ther door

Rit.

33 clo - ses and Jen-ny's out - side. \_\_\_\_\_

### SCENE 9: THE LIBRARY

(MATILDA is at the library with MRS. PHELPS.)

**START**

**MATILDA**

And so the great day arrived.

(#21 – ACROBAT STORY II (PART 1) begins.)

**(MATILDA)**

Everything was arranged by the Acrobat's sister – a frightening woman who used to be an Olympic-class hammer thrower, and who loved nothing better than to scare the children of the town. Suddenly, out came the Escapologist.

**ESCAPOLOGIST**

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls... (*chord*) The Burning Woman Hurling Through The Air (*chord*) With Dynamite In Her Hair (*chord*) Over Sharks And Spiky Objects (*chord*), Caught By The Man Locked In The Cage... (*chord*) has been... cancelled.

**MRS. PHELPS**

No!

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### **ESCAPOLOGIST**

Cancelled because my wife is... pregnant.

### **MRS. PHELPS**

So it has a happy ending?

### **MATILDA**

No!

*(#22 – ACROBAT STORY II (PART 2) begins.)*

### **(MATILDA)**

Just then the Acrobat's sister stepped forward and produced... a contract.

### **TRUNCHBULL**

*(offstage)*

I have paid for the posters, publicity, the catering, the toilet facilities. Where is my profit? A contract is a contract. You will perform on this day or off to prison you both shall go!

### **MRS. PHELPS**

No, no!

*(MATILDA begins to exit.)*

W-w-what happens next?

### **MATILDA**

I don't know, yet. I'll tell you tomorrow.

**END**

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*(#23 – LIBRARY INTO CLASSROOM begins.)*

*(MATILDA exits.)*

## **SCENE 10: MISS HONEY'S CLASSROOM**

*(As the KIDS enter MISS HONEY pulls MATILDA aside.)*

### **MISS HONEY**

*(pulling MATILDA aside)*

Matilda, starting tomorrow I shall bring in a selection of very clever books that will challenge your mind. You may sit and read them while I teach the others and if you have any questions, well, I shall do my best to answer them. How does that sound?

*(A beat. MATILDA is overwhelmed and suddenly hugs MISS HONEY.)*

Matilda! Why... that is the biggest hug in the world! You're going to hug all of the air out of me!