

Audition Piece 1

ALICE FITZWARREN

Hello, Father. How has work been today?

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN

Oh, my darling. It has been a bit slow to be honest.

ALICE FITZWARREN

Father, this here is my new friend that was looking for a job, so I brought him here in the hopes that we can help him out.

DICK WHITTINGTON

Nice to meet you, Sir. My name is Richard Whittington, but you can call me Dick. And this here is my good friend, Tommy the Cat.

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN

Well, it is a pleasure to meet you, Dick, and you Tommy. I am the Alderman Fitzwarren, but you can call me Aldi. But unfortunately, I won't be able to hire you. I just don't have the money to hire any staff thanks to the Rat problem.

*A RAT RUNS ACROSS THE STAGE. **DICK, TOMMY, ALICE** AND **ALDERMAN** WATCH IT RUN OFF. VILLAGERS SEE THE RAT AND SCREAM, RUNNING OFF*

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN (CONT.)

See! The rats are scaring the customers away. It's no good. I think we are going to have to close Aldi's for good.

ALICE FITZWARREN

There must be a way to keep this shop running.

***TOMMY THE CAT** GETS AND IDEA AND STARTS TO GET **DICK'S** ATTENTION. **DICK** CAN'T SEEM TO FIGURE OUT WHAT **TOMMY** IS TRYING TO TELL HIM.*

DICK WHITTINGTON

What's that, boy? Are you hungry again? No? Well, what is it?

*THEY ALL FREEZE AS **FAIRY BOW BELLS** APPEARS*

FAIRY BOW BELLS

Hello, Boys and Girls. Tommy has a plan, but this will never work. I have a way to make sure that Tommy will never be misunderstood by Dick Whittington.

FAIRY BOW BELLS CASTS A SPELL

FAIRY BOW BELLS (CONT.)

By moonlight bright and fairy flair,
I grant this Cat a voice to share.
He'll speak his mind, both sly and slick,
But he'll only be understood by you and Dick.

SHE WAVES HER WAND AND EXITS AS EVERYONE COMES OUT OF THE FREEZE

DICK WHITTINGTON

I'm sorry Tommy. I simply don't understand what you are trying to let me know.

TOMMY THE CAT

I am simply trying to tell you that I am a cat and I can help out here at the shop.

DICK WHITTINGTON

I know that you're a Cat, but they can't afford to hire us due to the Rat problem.

A RAT RUNS ACROSS THE STAGE, AND THEY ALL WATCH IT RUN OFF AGAIN.

TOMMY THE CAT

Precisely. And I am a Cat that can catch Rats, or at least just scare them off.

DICK WHITTINGTON

Of course! Why didn't I think of that?

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN

Think of what?

DICK WHITTINGTON

Tommy here can help you with your Rat problem.

*A RAT STARTS TO RUN ACROSS THE STAGE, BUT **TOMMY THE CAT** JUMPS IN FRONT OF IT. THE RAT SCREAMS AND RUNS BACK OFF THE STAGE THE WAY IT CAME FROM.*

TOMMY THE CAT

[LOOKING SMUG] I told you that I could do it!

ALDERMAN FITZWARREN

Wow! Well, Tommy, you are simply magnificent. I need to hire you. With you around I will be able to ensure that my stock is safe and my customers aren't scared off any more. And of course, that means you will be able to stay here after all, Dick.

DICK WHITTINGTON

Oh, thank you, Alderman Fitzwarren. Believe me, Tommy and I won't let you down. Alice, thank you for believing in me.

ALICE FITZWARREN

It was the least that I could do after you helped me in the street earlier.