

Audition Piece 3

DICK WHITTINGTON

...And that's how I made my way from Gloucestershire to London.

ALICE FITZWARREN

Wow... you've really been through so much. But I'm glad you're here now.

DICK WHITTINGTON

I'm glad too. You've no idea how lonely it's been. Then I meet you... and suddenly London doesn't feel so big.

TOMMY THE CAT

Aww. That's almost sweet enough to give me toothache.

ALICE FITZWARREN

You're full of surprises, Dick. Brave, kind... and not bad-looking either.

TOMMY THE CAT

Here we go...

DICK WHITTINGTON

Well, if I can be honest, it's been wonderful spending time with someone as beautiful as you.

ALICE FITZWARREN

Oh, Dick... you say the loveliest things.

TOMMY THE CAT

If you two get any mushier, I'm bringing out the sick bucket.

DICK WHITTINGTON

[quietly, to Tommy] Shh, I'm having a moment.

TOMMY THE CAT

Fine, fine. But if you start reciting poetry, I'll cough up a hairball.

ALICE AND DICK GAZE AT EACH OTHER, LEANING IN SLIGHTLY...

TOMMY THE CAT

...And there it is. The soppy stare. Shall I give you two some privacy or are we all just going to pretend I'm not here?

*THEY KEEP LEANING IN, AS IF THEY ARE ABOUT TO KISS. ENTER **IDLE JACK**, BURSTING INTO THE SCENE CHEERFULLY.*

IDLE JACK

Hi Darrens! Hi Alice! Hi Dick! Hi Tommy! Fancy seeing you here

ALICE FITZWARREN

Jack! What are you doing here? Are you lost?

IDLE JACK

Lost? Me? Never. I was at the library looking for a book about turtles.

DICK WHITTINGTON

Hardback?

IDLE JACK

Yeah! With little green heads!

ALICE FITZWARREN

It's so lovely seeing you, Jack. But I suppose that you should be running off to go and help your mum with the shopping.

IDLE JACK

I did that earlier, so I will be able to just hang around with you lot.

TOMMY THE CAT

Wow. He is oblivious. And I thought it was bad with me being the third wheel.

IDLE JACK

So, what've I missed?

ALICE FITZWARREN

Just some peace and quiet. And a little bit of romance.

IDLE JACK

Romance? In these woods? Between who?

DICK WHITTINGTON

Between some new friends

DICK SMILES AT ALICE. JACK IS STILL COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO IT ALL.

IDLE JACK

Well since those budding romantics have gone and it's just the four of us here, we should have a picnic. Luckily, I brought my sandwiches with me.

DICK WHITTINGTON

Do you know what would be a great idea for the picnic Jack? Why don't you try and find some berries or something that we can all share.

TOMMY THE CAT

Surely, he has the hint now.

IDLE JACK

That's a great idea. I'll be back as quick as a flash.

ALICE FITZWARREN

Don't worry. Take your time.