

Scene 9: Queens Garden Later That Day

FANFARE IS HEARD. ENTER 6 PLAYING CARDS MARCHING. ENTER THE QUEEN OF HEARTS WAVING.

All P. Cards: Here, one, two, three, four. **(REPEATED UNTIL THE QUEEN STOPS THEM)**

ENTER ALICE. THE QUEEN OF HEARTS NOTICES HER STRAIGHT AWAY.

Queen: Who is this?

P. Cards 1: I, I, I Don't know your majesty.

Queen: What's your name child?

Alice: My name is Alice your majesty.

Queen: Who gave you permission to enter my gardens?

Alice: The Cheshire Cat told me about you your majesty.

Queen: You took note of a grinning imbecile?

Alice: There's no need to be insulting your majesty.

Queen: Off with her head.

P. Cards 2: Off with her head she said she said. Off with her head she said.

ALL CARDS JOIN IN THIS CHANT.

All P. Cards: Off with her head she said she said. Off with her head she said.

Alice: Oh what utter nonsense you're only a pack of playing cards.

Song 5: Off With Her Head

I'm just parading round my gardens
With my entourage at hand
When people disrespect me
A quality I cannot stand.

Tell me my ears deceive me
I didn't hear that right
Did she question my intelligence
Now she best be out of sight.

Young Lady who do you think you are
Passing through these parts
Do you not know who she is
Why she's The Queen of Hearts.

We all know what's coming next

That girl shall have no head
Well don't just stand there looking
You heard what we just said.

Off with her head, I said, I said
Off with her head, I said, I said.

Come back here you whipper snapper
No one gets the better of me
All the joys of my wonderland
You never again shall see.

Queen: Get rid of that child.

Alice: What a strange world they live in.

ALICE IS CHASED BY THE PLAYING CARDS.

All P. Cards: Yes your majesty
For you're the Queen of Hearts
And your wish is our command
Together as your servants
We'll banish her from this land.

ALICE MANAGES TO ESCAPE AND SHE EXITS.

Queen: Oh, I'm overcome that rude child.

P. Card 1: Your majesty, why don't you go and admire your lovely red roses to cheer you up?

3 FLOWERS ENTER ALL JOINED TOGETHER. THEY HAVE BEEN PAINTED RED.

Queen: Oh yes, how beautiful they are my prize red roses, let me smell them.

THE QUEEN OF HEARTS GOES TO SMELL THE FLOWERS AND GETS PAINT ON HER NOSE.

Queen: What's this - What is this? Whose painted my roses red? Off with their head - Off with their head. Decapitate them, mutilate them - Off with their heads.

THE QUEEN OF HEARTS EXITS FOLLOWED BY THE PLAYING CARDS AND FLOWERS.

All P. Cards/Flowers: Off with their head she said she said. Off with their head she said.

ALL PLAYING CARDS AND FLOWERS CHANT THIS THREE TIMES AND EXIT.