

Wizard of Oz Audition Scenes

Pick ONE character and scene to audition with.

Characters: Dorothy, Miss Gulch, Professor Marvel, or Lion

Scenes:

Dorothy and Gulch

Dorothy and Marvel

Dorothy and Lion

Character Descriptions:

Dorothy Gale is a sweet, innocent young lady who has a streak of boldness. She lives on a farm with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry but dreams of escaping to a far-off place where she does not get into so much trouble. She and her dog, Toto, are inseparable. She is a bit outspoken and headstrong, but dearly loves her family and friends. [REDACTED]

Professor Marvel (Wizard, Oz's Voice) is a traveling salesman whose career of the moment is fortune telling. The audience should get the idea that he is a bit of a con man; however, he has a good heart. Similarly, his Oz counterpart, the Wizard, is a con man as well — just an average guy with a fantastic facade.

Miss Gulch (Wicked Witch of the West) is a well-off neighbor who is cold-hearted and hates Toto for getting into her yard. [REDACTED]

Lion:

Lion, is lacking courage. Although he will act tough from time to time, his true fearful self comes out in any scary situation. The actor who plays the lion must have good comedic timing and really enjoy being onstage. This role can successfully be played by either a boy or a girl. Cast someone with a strong character. [REDACTED]

Miss Gulch and Dorothy

MISS GULCH *enters with a bicycle.*

MISS GULCH

Mr. Gale! Mr. Gale! I want to see you and your wife right away! It's about Dorothy—

UNCLE HENRY *and AUNT EM enter.*

UNCLE HENRY

Dorothy? Well, what has Dorothy done?

MISS GULCH

What's she done? I'm all but lame from the bite on my leg!

UNCLE HENRY

You mean she bit you?

MISS GULCH

No, her dog!

UNCLE HENRY

Oh, she bit her dog, eh?

MISS GULCH

No! That dog's a menace to the community.
I'm taking him to the sheriff and make sure he's destroyed.

DOROTHY

Destroyed? Toto? Oh, you can't! You mustn't! Auntie Em!
Uncle Henry! You won't let her, will you?

UNCLE HENRY

Of course we won't. Will we, Em?

DOROTHY

Please, Aunt Em, Toto didn't mean to. He didn't know he was doing anything wrong.
I'm the one that ought to be punished. I let him go in her garden.
You can send me to bed without supper!

MISS GULCH

If you don't hand over that dog, I'll bring a damage suit that'll take your whole farm!
There's a law protecting folks against dogs that bite!

AUNT EM

How would it be if she keeps him tied up? He's really gentle, with gentle people, that is.

MISS GULCH

Well, that's for the sheriff to decide. Here's his order allowing me to take him.
Unless you want to go against the law.

AUNT EM

Now, we can't go against the law, Dorothy. I'm afraid poor Toto will have to go.

MISS GULCH

Now you're seeing reason.

DOROTHY

I won't let you take him! You go away, you! Oooh, I'll bite you myself!

Dorothy and Prof. Marvel

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Incidental (Part 2)

PROFESSOR MARVEL *enters, clearly having overheard DOROTHY's last comment about running away.*

PROFESSOR

Leaving so soon? Wait, wait! Don't tell me! You are... running away!

DOROTHY

How did you guess?

PROFESSOR

Professor Marvel never guesses, he knows! Now, why are you running away?

DOROTHY

Nobody cares about me at home. They wouldn't even miss me.

PROFESSOR

Now, I wouldn't be so sure of that—

DOROTHY

No, they won't, honestly!

Auntie Em was even going to let them kill Toto for biting Miss Gulch.

PROFESSOR

Here, sit right down here. That's it. Ha ha!

PROFESSOR *removes a crystal ball from his satchel.*

DOROTHY

(Amazed by the crystal ball)

My! It's beautiful!

PROFESSOR

Yes! Yes, it is. Now gaze into the crystal ball with me...

Ah ha! I see... a woman! ...She's wearing a... a dress!

DOROTHY

Is it a polka-dot dress?

PROFESSOR

It is! And her face is careworn.

DOROTHY

Yes... That's Aunt Em.

PROFESSOR

Her name is Emmmmmm... ily?

DOROTHY

That's right. What's she doing?

PROFESSOR

Well, I, I can't quite see. Why, she's crying.

DOROTHY

Oh!

Dorothy and Lion

The LION enters, growling ferociously!

LION

Put 'em up! Put 'em up! I'll fight you with one paw tied behind my back. I'll fight you standing on one foot. I'll fight you with my eyes closed.

TIN MAN

Go away and let us alone!

LION

Oh, scared, huh? How long can you stay fresh in that can?
(Laughs) Come on! Get up and fight!

TIN MAN

Yes, Scarecrow, get up and teach him a lesson.

SCARECROW

What's wrong with you teaching him a lesson?

TIN MAN

I hardly know him.

TOTO

Grrrrrr. Grrrrrr.

The LION spots TOTO.

LION

All right Pee-Wee, I guess it's you and me!

The LION chases TOTO, who hides behind DOROTHY.

DOROTHY

Shame on you!

DOROTHY raps the LION on the muzzle.

LION

Whadcha do that for? I didn't bite him!

DOROTHY

No, but you tried to. It's bad enough picking on a straw man, but when you go around picking on poor little dogs—

LION

You didn't have to go and hit me, did you? Is my nose bleeding?

DOROTHY

Of course not. My goodness, what a fuss you're making. Why, you're nothing but a great big coward!

LION

You're right! I am a coward. I haven't any courage at all. I even scare myself. Look at the circles under my eyes. I haven't slept in weeks.