

# SCRIPT

CONTESTANTS: YOU MAY CHOOSE WHICH ROLE TO PLAY

Notes on the scene: In the cafeteria, new girl Dorothy is looking for a place to sit. She joins Alice at her table. Dorothy is a little shy and still trying to find her place. Alice does her best to engage with Dorothy. Alice can best be described as quirky and off-beat. Overly excited by everyone and everything. Constantly trying to make Dorothy laugh.

ALICE  
Oh! Hello.

DPROTHY  
Hi. Do you...?

ALICE  
What?

DOROTHY  
Do you mind if I eat with you?

ALICE  
Oh! Not at all! Sit, sit, sit.

DOROTHY  
Thank you. I hate not having anyone to eat with. It makes me feel very--

ALICE  
I know... I'm Alice.

DOROTHY  
I know.

ALICE  
You're Dorothy, right?

DOROTHY  
Yes!

ALICE  
I pay attention during roll call. I pay attention to everything. My big sister thinks I'm absent-minded, but I'm very observant is the truth.

DOROTHY  
Most people don't know my name, because--

ALICE  
You just moved here.

DOROTHY  
That's right! You're very--

ALICE  
I'm very observant. Also, the first day you were in class you gave a speech: "My name is Dorothy. And I just moved here."

DOROTHY  
From Kansas.

ALICE  
I know. (Pause.) I'd love to visit Kansas.

DOROTHY  
What for? It's a very boring place.

ALICE  
No, I don't think so. I think it's exciting.

DOROTHY  
But you've never been there.

ALICE  
Exactly!

DOROTHY  
What?

ALICE  
Even the word is exciting. Kansas! Kaaaan-sas! It sounds so strange and wonderful, doesn't it?

DOROTHY  
...No.

ALICE  
It does!

DOROTHY  
No. I lived there. There's nothing.

ALICE  
Why did you move away?

DOROTHY  
There were... Problems... With the weather.

ALICE  
Well, it was silly to move here.

DOROTHY

What do you mean? This place is much more exciting than Kansas.

ALICE

Do you ever feel like you're growing up to fast?

DOROTHY

Of course, all the time. But that happens to everybody. Even animals. That's how I learned about it, from watching animals on my farm.

ALICE

You had a farm?

DOROTHY

Yes...

ALICE

I'd love to visit a farm!

DOROTHY

Why? Farms aren't very exciting...

ALICE

Of course they are! Listen: "Faaaarmmm. Farrrrrrmmmm." What a wonderful sound! It even has the word "Far" in it. That's what makes it sound so "Far" away and exciting!

DOROTHY

It doesn't matter what other words are in it. You can be "near" a farm and it would still have the word "far" in it.

ALICE

No. I think then it would be a "NEAR"mmmmmm. Not a "FAR"mmmmmm. Get it! (Laughs at her joke then realizes DOROTHY is not laughing). So... You said you left Kansas because of problems with the weather?

DOROTHY

Yea. I mean, do you ever feel like you've been swept up on some big tornado and then dropped down in some completely strange place that you don't understand at all?

ALICE

Hmmm... That must be what it feels like to move. Huh?

DOROTHY

You get me.

ALICE

I get you. And now I've GOT TO... Go. You see, I'm late, for a very important date! Let's meet here tomorrow before school! Same time! Tick Tock goes the Clock!

ALICE AWKWARDLY CURTSIES/BOWS and leaves.