

(SMALL ALICE takes a bite.)

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Uh-oh.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Cue medium Alice!

(ALICE replaces SMALL ALICE.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice grew back to a more medium size and set off with new resolve.

(CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, and 3 sneakily approach ALICE.)

ALICE

(with new confidence)

A-D-V-E-N-T-U-R-

CHESHIRE CAT 2

E!

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Me.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

We!

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

Hello, Alice. We are the Cheshire Cat.

ALICE

Oh, how do you do? I have a cat just like you. Her name is Dinah.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Oh, really?

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Just like us, huh?

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

Can Dinah stand on her head like this?

(The CHESHIRE CAT rearranges body parts and stands on its head.)

ALICE

No, I'm sure she can't. Though I'm not sure of anything anymore. I thought Wonderland would be everything I always dreamed about... but everything here is upside down.

(referencing the cat)

Literally.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Somebody having a bad day?

ALICE

Maybe the White Rabbit can help me, but I can't find him anywhere.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

You might ask the Mad Hatter.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

He knows where everything is.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Trouble is, he keeps it all under his hat.

ALICE

A Mad Hatter? I don't want to make anyone mad.

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

Haven't you noticed we're all a little mad?

(The CHESHIRE CAT disappears, leaving only a floating smile.)

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Why, I myself am not all here!

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Enjoy the tea party.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Try the Red Zinger. Does wonderful things for growing pains.

SCENE SEVEN: MAD TEA PARTY

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