

Alice

from *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*
by Lewis Carroll

SUSPECT

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

I saw a White Rabbit looking at its watch and I followed it. I fell slowly down a deep well, so I had plenty of time to look at the jars of "Orange Marmalade" and such. I came to a bottle saying "Drink Me," but "the bottle was not marked poison," so I drank it. I "shut up like a telescope" till I was only "ten inches high." Then I found a cake marked "Eat Me" and I ate it and grew very tall. My feet were so far away. King Henry said he didn't like little girls. He said his wives had too many of them and only one boy. *Dress suggestions:* Dress as a little girl with pig tails in your hair and rosy cheeks. © merrimysteries.com

Oliver Twist

from *Oliver Twist*
by Charles Dickens

WITNESS

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Merri Mysteries

At the workhouse, I lived on “the smallest portion of the weakest food possible.” Later, I went to London. The people I lodged with turned out to be none other than a gang of thieves, but I did not realize it till later. King Henry was also a bloodthirsty tyrant.

Dress suggestions: Dress as a pauper with lots of holes in your clothes and grime. A bit of soot on your face would not go astray.

Cleopatra

from *Antony and Cleopatra*
by William Shakespeare

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Merri Mysteries

I am queen of that fair country Egypt. O! my oblivion is very Antony (Marc Antony), and I am all forgotten. He married Octavia, Caesar's sister, to please Caesar. My anger at hearing this, was such that it would "melt Egypt into Nile!" King Henry, swept away by my beauty, tried to catch me in his noose, but by his fetters I'll not be bound. *Dress suggestions:* Wear loosely draped material to form a toga. Draw Egyptian symbols or pyramids on it. Make your face white with powder. Add black eye-shadow.

Puss In Boots

from a fairytale by various authors

WITNESS

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Merri Mysteries

I was given to the son of a miller. I convinced him to give me some boots and a bag. I caught prey, which I gave to the King to gain favor for my master. The King had a beautiful daughter. I made my master rich so he could marry her. I did this by tricking a rich ogre to turn into a mouse, which I promptly ate. ***Dress suggestions:*** A large hat with a large feather (like a peacock's) in the band. As big a pair of boots as you can find. An old fashioned, three-quarter length coat.

Dorothy

from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
by L. Frank Baum

WITNESS

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Merri Mysteries

After I was captured by the flying monkeys and I defeated the Wicked Witch of the West, I came back to the Wizard, only to find out he had no powers at all. He offered to take me back to Kansas in his balloon, but then took off without me. Fortunately, someone told me to use my magic slippers.

Dress suggestions: A blue dress with a white blouse underneath. Add white socks and magic red shoes. If you can, add long black hair tied in two bows.

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One time I was hiding and the King caught sight of me. I'd forgotten that I'd come out of my book when I was "nine feet high" and hiding wasn't easy. He called me a spy, made me sit down, and he pulled my pig tails till tears I cried. I was still "nine feet tall."

Thankfully **Pinocchio** stopped me in time so that my tears didn't cause any flood damage. I am lucky to have him as a friend.

Alice

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Merri Mysteries

RESPONSE:

If someone asks you whether King Henry treated you badly, say, “At night, I liked to skip around the library, singing tunes to amuse myself. The King yelled at me and said I gave him a headache. I told him to not be angry about it. I offered to show him some of the comic books. I was sure they would make him smile. To this he replied gruffly that kings had more important things to think about than comic books.”

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Huck Finn

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The King made poor little **Alice** cry. "Seeing her setting there ... with her eyes ... and the tears in them; and I wished I could do something for her." I didn't want to cause no trouble, so at first I "always called King Henry 'Your Majesty' and ... didn't set down in his presence till he asked" me to. "This done him heaps of good, and so he got cheerful and comfortable." I felt "mighty good over it, because it would have been a miserable business to have any unfriendliness."

Huck Finn

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Merri Mysteries

RESPONSE:

If someone asks you why King Henry wanted you as a son, say, “Some people think I’m a rascal. But I don’t know if that’s true. ‘The widow said I was coming along slow but sure and doing very satisfactory. She said she warn’t ashamed of me.’ King Henry said he wished he’d had a son like me rather than the delicate Prince Edward, but how could I trust a man who killed not only his enemies, but his wives as well?”

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Cinderella

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Merri Mysteries

Because King Henry wanted to marry me and he was always looking at my glass slippers, I avoided him. But he said if I continued to do that, he would see to it that I would be made to clean and scrub the library floors. He left me so distraught that when I returned to my book, the other characters kept asking me if I was ill.

Cinderella

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Merri Mysteries

RESPONSE:

If someone asks you how you stopped the King from stealing your slippers, say,

“I admit that it was not always easy to avoid him. I ran away as quickly as I could. He, being portly, was not very fit and he never caught up with me. If by chance he caught hold of me before I ran, I yelled and my Fairy Godmother would come to my aid.”

Pinocchio

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Merri Mysteries

Cinderella and I became friends because the writers of our books are from Italy, so I suppose that makes us Italians. **Cinderella** told me how the King kept bothering her. I was determined to save her from him. My Good Fairy had warned me that he was an evil man. The King kept giving me things to carry for him. I said that lazy people were often turned into donkeys, but he just laughed.

Pinocchio

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Merri Mysteries

My father Geppetto had sold the coat from his back to help me out, but I knew that the King wasn't like that. He was a very selfish man. Very selfish indeed. And he kept on pulling my nose, which annoyed me. Just because it's long, it doesn't mean people should pull on it. When I told him to stop doing that, he told me little boys should be seen and not heard.

Little Red Riding Hood

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Merri Mysteries

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I told King Henry my riding hood would be far too small for him, but, even so, he still wanted to borrow it. I refused. I was afraid King Henry was trying to trick me in some way. My grandmother told me not to trust the King and to stay away from him. I think power had gone to his head, because he had started a religion so that he could divorce his unwanted wives.

Little Red Riding Hood

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Merri Mysteries

RESPONSE:

If someone says "Before your incident with the wolf, I heard you were a very fearless little girl?" say,

"Yes. I used to walk through the woods and not feel any fear. I knew King Henry was a bad man like the wolf, but he did not scare me."

Peter Pan

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Merri Mysteries

I told King Henry about how when Captain Hook tried to capture me, I had to fly while I was fighting in order to defeat him. King Henry begged me to teach him to fly, but I refused as these skills are only for the pure of heart. Then he turned nasty and said that as I had refused to teach him how to fly, he would have me sentenced to death for contempt of court. I politely informed him that as I am not a British citizen, I did not come under his rule, but he visibly steamed and said he would change that.

Peter Pan

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Merri Mysteries

RESPONSE:

If someone asks you if you and King Henry used to discuss war strategies, say,

“Yes. He liked to ask me for details on my battles against Captain Hook. We weren’t really friends. I think the more correct term is acquaintances. There was nothing in his character which I liked. And his own victories were so small in comparison to my own.”

Goldilocks

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Merri Mysteries

If you see Sherlock Holmes, say, “Sherlock you really should quit smoking that pipe. It’s not only bad for you, but the burnt smell is really awful. I noticed it when I came to the library this morning.”

If he isn’t present, say, “I told Sherlock Holmes that he really should quit smoking his pipe and that it’s not only bad for him, but the burnt smell is really awful. I noticed it when I came to the library this morning.”

Goldilocks

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Merri Mysteries

RESPONSE:

If someone asks you what King Henry did when he found you in his chair, say,

“He would chase me around the library. He never caught me because he was old and fat. I don’t like people bullying me about. I like to do what I want.”

Aladdin

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Merri Mysteries

The King and I often met in the the classics section. But the idea of sharing was beyond him. I was tired of having to move on, so I asked my genie to make it clear to the King that either he shared with me or he moved on himself. My genie is large and as his powers are great, he can be quite intimidating. So, of course, the King relented in his anti-social behavior. But his eyes positively bulged and I could tell he would have hit me if not for fear of my genie's wrath.

Aladdin

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Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

RESPONSE:

If someone asks you about what King Henry did when you refused to give him your genie, say,

“There was a wicked glint in his eyes and he said that as far as he was concerned, the matter was by no means concluded.”

Except Cinderella

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Say to Cinderella:

“You do look a bit distraught. I can well understand that it was no fun being chased by King Henry. Someone please give the lady your handkerchief if you would be so kind, so she can wipe her brow.

Cinderella – how did you stop the King from stealing your slippers?”

Except Alice

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Ask Alice:

“Did King Henry treat you badly child?”

Except Huck Finn

ANYONE

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Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Ask Huck Finn:

“So the King wanted you as a son did he?
Didn't he know what a rascal you are, **Huck
Finn?**”

Except Peter Pan

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Ask Peter Pan:

“So you and King Henry were friends and you used to discuss war strategies. Is that true **Peter Pan**?”

Except Little Red Riding Hood

Mystery In The Library

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ANYONE



Merri Mysteries

Say to Little Red Riding Hood:

“Before your incident with the wolf, I heard you were a very fearless little girl?”

Except Goldilocks

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Ask Goldilocks:

“What did King Henry do when he found you in his chair?”

Except Aladdin

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Say to Aladdin:

“So you refused to give the King your genie.
How did he take that news?”

Except Alice

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Alice knew she had to get King Henry to like her so that she could perform the “Eat Me” and “Drink Me” tricks she had learned from her book on him.

Except Alice

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

In order to befriend King Henry, **Alice** offered to polish his boots. The King chatted with her while she polished.

Except Alice, Aladdin, or Huck Finn

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

King Henry told **Alice** that **Aladdin** was a selfish man and that he was going to teach him a lesson and that **Huck** was going to help him.

Except Huck Finn

ANYONE

A1

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

*I heard **Huck Finn** say, “The King liked fencing, so we clanged our swords about a bit and seeing as I was angry with him, I was determined to win. The King, being round in the belly like a pig, was easy to beat, so I ended up whacking the sword into his middle. But it was blunt, so it didn’t draw blood. The King thought he should always win. So he became hotter than a piece of chili. I thought he was going to kill me. ‘And me a shaking all over and ready to sink down in my tracks I was that scared,’ so he made me promise to help him.”*

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Except Aladdin or Huck Finn

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

King Henry wanted **Aladdin's** genie, so he came up from behind a bookcase where **Huck** and **Aladdin** were playing billiards. He waited till it was **Aladdin's** turn and then he stole **Aladdin's** lamp as he had put it down to play.

Except Little Red Riding Hood

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Little Red Riding Hood thought King Henry had big teeth and he was like the wolf in her book. They had a lot in common. They were both men that little girls should stay away from.

Except Goldilocks

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

Even though the thought of being King Henry's friend was enough to put **Goldilocks** off her porridge for a week, she pretended she was so she could put her plan into place. He took to telling her all his problems and to chatting to her for hours on end.

Except Little Red Riding Hood

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

*I heard **Little Red Riding Hood** say,*

“King Henry was an evil man and I did not trust him. I don't know why he wanted to borrow my cape. Maybe he wanted to pretend to be me.”

Except Peter Pan

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ANYONE

Mystery In The Library



Merri Mysteries

King Henry reminded **Peter Pan** of Captain Hook — such was his greed. But just as **Peter** defeated Captain Hook, so he knew he would defeat King Henry.

But as King Henry is a book character, Peter realized that killing him wouldn't do any good as he would come alive the next night by coming from his book again.