

The Wizard of Oz Play

Characters

Narrator

Dorothy

Old woman

Tin Man

Scarecrow

Lion

Wizard

Scene 1

(Dorothy is asleep, dreaming.)

Narrator

A raging cyclone rolling through the prairie Dorothy lived. While asleep, Dorothy dreamt of her house being lifted up by the cyclone. Her relatives had made it to the storm shelter, but she and her dog Toto, still inside the house, were swept away. Eventually, the house landed surprisingly softly, and Dorothy found herself in a strange and beautiful country full of trees, rivers, and colourful flowers. Her dog Toto is with her.

Dorothy *(waking up)*

Where am I? And where is everyone? Oh Toto, I'm so glad you're here!

(Looking around ...)

This place is so beautiful! It's full of colour! Come Toto, let's walk along this yellow brick road.

(Dorothy stands up and she and Toto start walking. Soon they meet an old woman.)

Hello. I'm Dorothy. Can you please tell me where I am?

Old Woman

You are in the Land of Oz, and thank you for killing the Wicked Witch of the East who rules this part of Oz.

Dorothy

I didn't kill anyone!

Old Woman

Yes you did. Your house landed on top of her and killed her! But there is still another evil power in Oz - the Wicked Witch of the West.

Dorothy

I certainly don't want to meet her! I want to go back home to Kansas right away!

Old Woman

Well my dear, that will not be possible. You see, a vast, uncrossable desert surrounds Oz on all sides. You may have to stay here forever.

Dorothy *(very distressed)*

Oh, my mother and father and Aunt Em must be so worried about me! And I don't want to stay away from my family forever.

Old Woman

Well, there could be a small chance of getting you back home. If you follow the yellow brick path in front of you, you will come to the Emerald City where a great and powerful Wizard lives – the Wizard of Oz. He might be able to help you to get back home.

Scene 2

(Dorothy and Toto walk along the yellow brick road.

Enter the 3 companions – Tin Man, Scarecrow and Lion.)

Dorothy

Hello, I'm Dorothy and this is my dog Toto. And who are you?

Scarecrow

My name is Scarecrow. These are my two companions Tin Man and Lion. We stick together because we help each other through life. You see, each of us has a particular problem. You see my head of straw? Oh, if I only had a brain.

Tin Man

You see how I am completely made of tin? I am so hard and cold. I cannot express emotions. I have no heart.

Lion

And I am meant to be the king of all beasts, ferocious and brave. But I do not have courage.

Dorothy

Oh, I see. Well, if you like, you can travel with Toto and I. We are off to see the Wizard of Oz who might be able to help us get back home.

Lion

Oh, how wonderful! We would like to see the wizard ourselves. He might be able to give us all the things we need.

(The 5 continue to walk together along the yellow brick road.)

Scene 3

Dorothy

I'm feeling very thirsty. I wonder where we can get some water.

Scarecrow

I know that a river flows alongside the yellow brick road, just a little inland from here, through the forest.

Lion

I don't want to go into the forest. I've heard that all kinds of scary creatures live there.

Tin Man

I can protect us all with my sword!

Scarecrow

Trust me. It will be alright. Everyone, pick up a handful of those white stones there beside the road. As we walk through the forest, we will gradually drop stones one by one, so as to leave a trail. Then we can follow the trail back to the yellow brick road.

(Everyone picks up a handful of stones and they set off, away from the yellow brick road.)

Scene 4 (in the forest)

Dorothy

These trees are so big! And there are so many insects! Ahh! I can see a VERY big, hairy, scary spider. Come Toto. Don't go near it. It might bite you!

Lion

Don't worry. I will kill it!

(Lion picks up a big rock and throws it on top of the spider.)

Dorothy

Thank you, Lion. That was so brave of you.

Tin Man

Look over there! I can see a wild cat chasing a poor little mouse. Such weak, defenceless creatures should not have to live in fear of being eaten. I'll chase the wild cat away with my sword.

(The mouse runs off.)

Dorothy

That was so kind and thoughtful of you Tin Man. You really did feel for that little mouse.

Scarecrow

I can see the river now. Here we are. Let's drink and then follow our stone trail back to the yellow brick road. We must hurry because we have to reach the Wizard's house by nightfall.

Scene 5

(At the door of the Wizard's house)

Narrator

Dorothy knocks. There is no answer. They wait. She knocks again. Finally, the Wizard comes.

Wizard *(dressed in a sparkly multi-coloured cloak, with coloured shapes on it, such as stars and diamonds.)*

Who have we here?

Dorothy

I'm Dorothy. This is Toto, and my three friends are Scarecrow, Lion and Tin Man. We all need your help.

Wizard

Come in and let me see what I can do for you.

Narrator

Dorothy and the three comrades all explain their needs.

Wizard

Well, I cannot help you unless you do something for me first. You see, the land of Oz is ruled by an evil power. I have heard that the Wicked Witch of the East has been killed. But still one

more evil power prevails – the Wicked Witch of the West. Go and find her, kill her and then come back. You can stay the night and set off in the morning.

Dorothy *(to the three friends)*

I don't think I could kill anyone. I only accidentally killed the Wicked Witch of the East.

Lion

Yes, we can do it. Let's try.

(All exit.)

Narrator

The next morning the group set off in to the west, in search of the Witch. It was not long before they found her. She had heard them coming and was keen to meet them, perhaps with an evil plan in mind. The Witch stole one of Dorothy's shoes. Now she was the Witch's captive, because without her shoe Dorothy could not walk back to the Wizard's house. Scarecrow saw a large bucket full of water nearby. He told Dorothy to throw the bucket of water over the Witch before she did anything worse. As soon as the water fell on the Witch, she melted into a heap. Neither the Scarecrow nor Dorothy realised that water was the one thing that would kill the Witch. Dorothy retrieved her shoe and the party set off again, back to the Wizard's house.

Scene 6 *(Back at the Wizard's house)*

Dorothy once again knocks on the door. Again, the Wizard takes a long time to come.

Dorothy *(to the Wizard.)*

We have good news. The Wicked Witch of the West is dead!

Wizard

That is wonderful news. Now to keep my promise to you... Wait here while I perform some magic.

(The Wizard goes behind a curtain while the group of friends wait. Suddenly Toto jumps up and pulls on the curtain. It collapses, revealing the Wizard behind a table on which there is a sewing kit, some scissors and some pieces of fabric.)

Wizard

Alas! Alas! All has been revealed! As you can see, I am not a real Wizard at all. I have no magic powers. I am an ordinary man. When I lived in America I used to have a job as a magician in a circus. I had no magic powers of course. I did all my tricks by slight of hand. I also owned a hot air balloon for my leisure. One day when riding in my balloon, the balloon went too high and I found myself in the Land of Oz. Everyone here thought I was a real magician, so I went along with the game. It made me feel important. But I am tired of living a

life of pretence. I thank you, and especially Toto, for showing me up for who I am. Dorothy, I want to go back to America, and I could take you with me in my hot air balloon.

Dorothy

That would be wonderful!

Wizard

Good. We'll set off in the morning.

Dorothy

But what about my three friends?

Wizard (*giving the three friends gifts*)

Well, while you were away, I made them a little something with my sewing kit. Scarecrow, ... a brain for you, made out of wool and pins and needles; Tin Man, ... a silk heart for you; Lion, ... a badge of courage for you.

Dorothy

You know, my friends didn't need any magic to find the things they were missing. They found those things themselves.

(*To the three friends*)

Scarecrow, you used your brain to help us find the way to the river and back. Lion, you showed courage when you killed the spider, and when you encouraged us to go and kill the Witch of the West. Tin Man, you showed compassion and concern for the little mouse in the forest. You showed that you really did have a heart. You all just had to believe in yourselves and try. That you have done and you can now live happily in the Land of Oz.

Scene 7

(*Dorothy is asleep on the floor, back in Kansas, as she was at the beginning of Scene 1.*)

Narrator

The next day, Dorothy and Toto were excited and ready to join the Wizard in his balloon. The Wizard spent some time filling the balloon with air and testing the controls. While he was in the balloon, he accidentally pressed the take-off mechanism and the balloon started rising, leaving Dorothy and Toto behind. He had no way to come back down.

Dorothy (*in her sleep...*)

Where am I? Where am I?

(*She wakes up.*) Is that you Toto? I'm home! I'm so happy to be home!