**Audition Central: The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition**

Script: Miss Gulch and Wicked Witch -  All lines should be memorized for audition

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West (Supporting)** Female (Grades 8-12)

Miss Gulch is a well-off neighbor who is cold-hearted and hates Toto from getting into her yard. In Oz, the same actor plays the Wicked Witch of the West, who wants revenge on Dorothy. This is a non-singing role, so we are looking for an actor with a flair for the dramatic and a strong stage presence. As the witch’s laugh is a classic element, we are looking to cast someone who can handle the cackle with ease.

Singing? No

**SIDE 1**

*(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!

**Aunt Em:** Dorothy!

**Dorothy:** Uncle Henry, Auntie Em, don’t let ‘em take Toto! Don’t let her take him, please!

**Aunt Em:** Put him in the basket, Henry.

**SIDE 2**

*(Suddenly, the WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST appears, clutching her broomstick)*

**Dorothy:** I thought you said she was dead.

**Glinda:** That was her sister, the Wicked Witch of the East. This is the Wicked Witch of the West. And

she’s worse than the other one was.

**Wicked:** Who killed my sister? Who killed the Witch of the East? Was it you? Answer me!

**Glinda:** Leave her alone!

**Wicked:** You stay out of this! I'm here for vengeance! So it was you, was it? You killed her, didn't

you?

**Dorothy:** No! It was an accident! I didn't mean to kill anybody! Really I didn't!

**Wicked:** Didn't mean it, eh? Accident, eh? Well, my little pretty, I can cause accidents, too— and this

is how I do it!

**Glinda:** Aren't you forgetting the ruby slippers?

**Wicked:** The slippers! Yes, the slippers!

*(The ruby slippers disappear, and the stockings are drawn back under the house)*

**Wicked:** They’re gone! *(The slippers appear on DOROTHY’S feet)*

The ruby slippers! What have you done with them? Give them back to me, or I’ll—

**Glinda:** It’s too late! There they are, and there they’ll stay!

**Wicked:** Give me back my slippers! I'm the only one that knows how to use them. They're of no use to

you! Give them back to me! Give them back!

**Glinda:** Keep tight inside of them, their magic must be very powerful, or she wouldn't want them so

badly!

**Wicked:** You stay out of this, Glinda, or I'll fix you as well!

**Glinda:** *(Laughs)* Oh, rubbish! You have no power here. Be gone, before somebody drops a house on

you, too.



**Wicked:** Very well, I'll bide my time. And as for you, my fine lady, it's true, I can't attend to you here and

now as I'd like, but just try to stay out of my way! Just fry! I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too! *(Laughs)*

**SIDE 3**

**Wicked:** So! You won't take warning, eh?  *(laughs)*

All the worse for you, then. Hah! When I gain those ruby slippers, my power will be the greatest in all of Oz! And now, my beauties something with a little sting in its step! Jitterbugs ... yes!

My lovely dancing Jitterbugs, show yourselves!

***(Jitterbugs emerge)***

**Wicked:** Make her dance, dance, dance! Until those ruby slippers fall from her feet! Now go!

***(Jitterbugs DANCE)***