



AUDITION MONOLOGUES

Choose one of the four monologues below to perform. You may be asked to read from the others at your audition, so make sure you have read them all!

1) **NARRATOR:**

Once upon a time and many years ago, as all good stories begin, there was an emperor who ruled a small but pleasant kingdom. Very much like your average fairy tale kingdom...where the people were moderately happy...and moderately carefree...and went about their business...in a reasonable manner.

Moderately.

It was simply your average, everyday, run-of-the-mill...fairy tale kingdom.

2) **THE FARABUTTOS:**

Your Majesty, we are professional tailors. We weave our cloth and make clothing to fit your every need. I am Guido, and this is my brother, Luigi.

We specialize in making the finest clothing in the world. We begin by weaving a cloth so fine, so delicate, so exquisite, so perfect...not only are the colors and patterns grand, but the clothes are made so that they appear...INVISIBLE to anyone without the wisdom to see...only the wisest in the kingdom can see this special material.

Consider this, your Majesty, not only will you get the finest suit of clothes imaginable ... (*looks at Luigi, nods and mouths "imaginable" a second time*)...but you will also find out who are the wisest in your kingdom!

3) **THE KING:**

These, indeed must be splendid clothes! If I had a suit made of this special cloth, I could find out at once who was wise and who was foolish. This stuff must be woven for me immediately!

(*Claps hands in a commanding manner*) Guards, help the weavers get set up! Give them anything they want. The finest silks and golden thread; anything their looms will hold. Let the weaving begin!

4) **THE PRINCESS:**

Shh...don't let them know we're here! They look really busy, but I don't see anything. I need to look harder. Remember...wisdom! You have to look very carefully at the looms. The material is very light and delicate and difficult to see, but it's beautiful and shimmers in the light.

You have to picture in your mind golds and pastels that are so beautiful that they only live in your imagination. Then, look again, closely; squint your eyes until they are almost shut and think noble thoughts and then...then if you try hard enough and are sincere enough, you will see the material begin to shimmer and shine with the most radiant of colors!