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The Forest Near the Riverbank

The ballet opens to reveal Alice, her sister and her father enjoying a beautiful afternoon in the forest. Alice is quite bored until, suddenly, a White Rabbit runs by her and appears next to a hole. It seems only Alice has seen the rabbit and, her curiosity piqued, she follows the rabbit and peers down the hole to Wonderland. The White Rabbit pushes her in and she tumbles into Wonderland.

Wonderland

Alice falls and falls down the rabbit hole until she lands with a thump in a strange new place, surrounded by nothing but doors. Alice, being naturally curious, wonders where the doors lead and how to get inside. Alice tries unsuccessfully to open several of the doors. To her delight, the White Rabbit appears and gives her a bottle labeled "Drink Me" and scampers away yet again. Alice drinks the potion and begins to grow. Suddenly, she's too large for the room and can't fit through the doors. Alice is feeling very afraid and scared until the White Rabbit dashes in and gives her a small piece of cake labeled "Eat Me." Alice takes a small bite of cake and starts to shrink, so much that now she can't reach the door handle. Alice realizes she should drink the potion again to get bigger and finally returns to normal size

The Caucus Race

Stepping through a door, Alice comes upon a nonsensical race involving several strange creatures. Delighted to find herself in pure chaos, she is surprised to meet: an Eaglet, a Dodo, Flamingos, Hedgehogs, and Piglets. Once again, the White Rabbit appears. Alice chases him deeper into Wonderland and finds herself in the forest, where she comes upon a gigantic and exotic Caterpillar.

In the Forest

Alice watches as the Caterpillar changes and transforms into a beautiful and whimsical butterfly. She says goodbye to the Caterpillar and continues to wander about searching for the White Rabbit. It's becoming dark outside when Alice meets Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. The Tweedles are silly creatures that seem to never stop arguing, no matter how hard Alice tries to break it up. Unbeknownst to Alice, the ferocious Jabberwocky is lurking in the forest nearby. The Tweedles suddenly stop their arguing upon remembering that the Jabberwocky is close. The Tweedles try to warn Alice but have trouble communicating and she misses their clues.

The Tea Party

Alice wanders around the forest. The mysterious Cheshire



Cat appears and disappears. Alice becomes hopelessly lost until the White Rabbit finds her again and brings her to an unexpected and bizarre tea party. She meets the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, Dodo, Eaglet and Dormouse and the Tweedles are there, too. The group has a grand tea party, and just when Alice has had enough of the Mad Hatter's craziness, the group is startled by a surprise attack by the Jabberwocky, causing everyone to run for their lives.

ACT II

The Jabberwocky Lair

The Jabberwocky is lurking about the forest and its lair. The White and Red Knights fight amongst themselves over who will be the one to slay the Jabberwocky. Alice breaks up the disagreement and decides to take matters into her own hands. She takes the sword from one of the knights and confronts the Jabberwocky in battle. She wins the fight, killing the Jabberwocky. The knights are eternally grateful. They decide that Alice should be rewarded and prepare to take Alice to the Queen of Hearts. The White Rabbit arrives, worried about Alice and the Queen meeting.

The Garden and Castle

On the way to the Queen's palace, the group enters the lovely royal garden. Alice has a wonderful time doing a garden dance with her new friends, the Roses and Daisies. After she finishes dancing, she meets the King and Queen of Hearts. The Queen invites Alice for a game of croquet, and to everyone's astonishment, Alice wins! The Queen is upset, demands a trial, and Alice is taken away by the Queen's guards.

The Trial

As the Queen of Hearts is judging Alice at the trial, disruption and disorder ensue, and all the cards fall upon Alice.

Back to The Riverbank

Suddenly Alice realizes that she is back in forest with her sister. Alice's sister tells her that she is late for a "very important date." The sister realizes she left her book behind and runs back to get it. As she reaches for the book, the sister sees the White Rabbit jump into the hole and wonders if she should follow him.