

**2020 NJCL
DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION
Level II--Female Character**

Alice and the Red Queen

Alicia Rēgīnam Rubram et Rēgīnam Albam prope sē in utrōque latere sedēre animadvertit.

Rēgīnam Rubram timidē intuita, dīcere coepit: "Velim mihi dīcās, sīs --"

"Loquere solum tum cum appellāta es!" Rēgīna Rubra acriter interpellāvit.

"At sī omnēs eā ratiōne ūtantur," Alicia dīxit (semper parāta ad disputandum erat), "et sī solum tum cum appellātus sīs loquāris, et sī alter exspectet dum tū incipiās, nēmō scilicet umquam quidquam dīcat; itaque --"

"Ineptiās dīcis!" Rēgīna exclāmāvit. "Nōne enim vidēs, puella --"

Hīc fronte cōtractā intermīsit; atque, paulum meditāta, dē aliā rē dīcere subito coepit.

"Alicia et Rēgīna Rubra," translated into Latin by Clive Harcourt Carruthers, 1966, p. 107-8 (abridged)

Alice noticed a Red Queen and a White Queen sitting near her on either side. Looking timidly at the Red Queen, she began to say: "I'd like you to tell me, please...."

"Speak only when you have been addressed!" the Red Queen interrupted sharply.

"But if everyone should use that rationale," Alice said (she was always ready to argue), "and if you should speak only when you've been addressed, and if someone should wait for you to begin, obviously nobody would ever say anything; and so...."

"You're speaking absurdities!" shouted the Queen. "Don't you see, little girl..."

Here, wrinkling her brow, she stopped; and thinking a short while, suddenly began to speak about something else.