

'Alice in Wonderland' Version 2

SPADES:

Ace of Spades ERIN SMITH

Two of Spades KAYA WHISKIN

Three of Spades AMELIE BEANEY

CLUBS:

Ace of Clubs BETHAN PRICE

Two of Clubs LISA KELLY

Three of Clubs MIA KELLY

DIAMONDS:

Ace of Diamonds ERIN BLAKEBOROUGH

Two of Diamonds LUCY EVANS

Three of Diamonds SHAKIRA EVANS

ACT TWO SCENE THREE

NINE* CARDS ENTER WITH LITTER PICKERS AND BEGIN CLEARING RUBBISH OFF OF THE GROUND.

THREE OF CLUBS: This is so unfair, why do we have to do all the cleaning for the *Queen's* un-birthday?

THREE OF SPADES: I wanted to do gardening like the heart cards, how come they get the nice jobs, and we don't?

ACE OF CLUBS: How many times have I got to tell you two? They're *heart* cards, and she's the *Queen of hearts!*

THREE OF CLUBS: But that's favouritism!

ACE OF SPADES: They've got a lot to learn!

ACE OF CLUBS: You're telling me! At this rate, it'll take DECK-ades!

ACE OF SPADES: If they stick around long enough, they may eventually find a job that SUITS them!

ACE OF CLUBS: That's if they don't PACK it in first!

ACE OF SPADES: Still, it's no big DEAL

ALL LAUGH EXCEPT THE THREES

ACE OF DIAMONDS: Stick in the palace long enough and you'll learn there's a certain... pecking order.

THREE OF CLUBS: Pecking order?

TWO OF DIAMONDS: Yeah. The Queen of Hearts is at the top of course.

THEY ALL MURMUR IN AGREEMENT.

TWO OF DIAMONDS: Then there's the Knave.

THEY ALL GROAN.

TWO OF SPADES: Then there's the Duchess.

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TWO OF DIAMONDS: Then the heart cards.

BEAT.

THREE OF CLUBS: And then who is it?

ACE OF CLUBS: (*SHRUGGING*) Then it's everyone else, I suppose.

TWO OF CLUBS: Then it's the King!

THEY ALL LAUGH.

TWO OF CLUBS: I wish *I* were a heart card. They seem to have more fun.

THREE OF CLUBS: But why is the Queen of Hearts the Boss?

TWO OF CLUBS: Yeah! I think it should be the 'Queen of Clubs'?

ACE OF DIAMONDS: You mean you haven't heard?...

THREE OF CLUBS: Heard what?

ACE OF SPADES: Haven't you told them?

ALL THE THREEs: Told us what?!

TWO OF SPADES: Well, "Old Miss Off with Their Heads" has a few dark secrets. She wasn't *always* the Boss.

ACE OF DIAMONDS: That's right and over the year's there's been some pretty scary stories about how she became the Boss.

THREE OF SPADES: What do you mean? What happened? What did she do?

THEY HUDDLE TOGETHER TO FORM A CIRCLE.

ACE OF SPADES: Did you ever hear about what happened to the eleven of spades?

THREE OF CLUBS: There isn't an eleven of spades?

ACE OF SPADES: Exactly...

TWO OF CLUBS: Or what she did to the Queen of Clubs behind the Tumtum tree?

THREE OF CLUBS: What? What did she do?

ACE OF CLUBS: Let's just say that her jabberwocky's never been the same since

TWO OF DIAMONDS: I was also told that the Queen of Diamonds had her Bandersnatch fed to the JubJub bird. Not a pretty sight I can tell you!

TWO OF SPADES: But it's what she did to the Kings that got us to where we are now

ACE OF CLUBS: She first met the King of Clubs.

THREE OF CLUBS: I didn't know we have a King!

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ACE OF CLUBS: We don't. Not anymore. She removed his Heart with a five iron and stuffed him in a bag, never to be seen of again

ALL THE THREES GULP.

TWO OF SPADES: Yeah well, our King ended up down under.

THTEE OF SPADES: What? He's in Australia?

ACE OF SPADES: No, she used him to dig a hole and now he's six feet down under!

THREE OF DIAMONDS: What happened to our King?

DIAMOND CARDS BECOME UPSET.

ACE OF DIAMONDS: Our King suffered terribly

TWO OF DIAMONDS: God, rest his soul!

THREE OF DIAMONDS: What happened to him?

ACE OF DIAMONDS: You know that necklace the Queen wears around her neck?

ALL THE THREES GASP.

THREE OF DIAMONDS: She's really nasty but what about the King of Hearts?

ALL EXCEPT THE THREES SHARE A PRIVATE JOKE

TWO OF CLUBS: Earrings!! (Pause, ALL THE THREES LOOK PUZZLED)

You'll understand when you meet him

THREE OF CLUBS: But how did she manage to *do* all those things?

CARDS SHARE A LOOK.

ACE OF SPADES: She's devious-

ACE OF CLUBS: She's clever-

ACE OF SPADES: She played our Kings, and their hearts were the wager

THREE OF CLUBS: But how? How did she play them?

TWO OF DIAMONDS: She was the best poker player in all of Wonderland.

SONG CUE: 'POKER FACE' (LADY GAGA)