

## NARNIA AUDITIONS 2023

### EDMUND SIDES

**EDMUND:** Where are you? I...Lucy I'm sorry I didn't believe you. Come out now and we can make nice!

*(We hear bells. The WITCH is riding in her sleigh, conducted by her servant - TRUMPKIN)*

**WITCH:** Stop the sleigh!

**TRUMPKIN:** Stopping the sleigh with haste!

**WITCH:** Look at this.

**TRUMPKIN:** Looking, my liege, with utmost interest.

**WITCH:** What, pray, are you?

**EDMUND:** My name's Edmund.

**WITCH:** Is that how you address a Queen?

**EDMUND:** I beg your pardon, I didn't know.

**WITCH:** NOT KNOW THE QUEEN OF NARNIA?! Ha! You shall know her better hereafter!

**TRUMPKIN:** Indeed. The sapling of hope cannot stand in the wood by itself, and a branch without leaves only reaches half as far.

**WITCH:** Mhm.

**EDMUND:** What?

**WITCH:** I repeat - what are you? An overgrown badger that's lost its fur?

**EDMUND:** No, your majesty.

**TRUMPKIN:** It says no.

**EDMUND:** I've never had fur.

**TRUMPKIN:** It's never had fur.

**EDMUND:** I'm a human.

**TRUMPKIN:** It's a...

**WITCH /**

**TRUMPKIN:** Human?

**EDMUND:** Yes. A boy.

**WITCH:** How, boy, did you enter my dominions?

**EDMUND:** Through the wardrobe in the spare room.

**WITCH:** I see. *(To her TRUMPKIN, privately)* So it's true! A door from the human world! *(To EDMUND)* Dear child! You'll excuse our manners. Come, come and sit with me on the sledge. Oh, you're shivering, poor thing! Something hot to drink?

**EDMUND:** Oh, yes, please. *(The WITCH conjures a cup of something)*  
How did you -

**WITCH:** Now, Edmund is it? Tell me, are there others like you? Have you brothers or sisters here?

**EDMUND:** No. But I have two sisters and a brother at home.

**WITCH:** Four of you? And have your siblings been to Narnia?

**EDMUND:** Just Lucy. She made friends with a faun.

**WITCH:** Ah, yes, the fauns here are...friendly.

**EDMUND:** Well, Lucy makes friends with everyone. She's been trying to get us all to come here with her.

**WITCH:** But you came alone.

**EDMUND:** I do most things alone.

**WITCH:** Ah, yes. I see it now. There's one in every family.

**EDMUND:** The one no one likes?

**WITCH:** The special one.

**EDMUND:** Me?

**WITCH:** I'm a Queen, dear child, I have an eye for greatness.

**EDMUND:** Tell that to my siblings

**WITCH:** Oh, I *will* if I ever meet them. Oh, Edmund, wouldn't that be fun? All of you at my castle? We'd put them to good use.

**EDMUND:** We would? How?

**WITCH:** Well they would serve us, of course. Run around, do our bidding and such. Big castle.

**TRUMPKIN:** Huge.

**WITCH:** Plenty to be done.

**EDMUND:** And what would I do?

**WITCH:** Why you'd be the Prince of course! Did I not say that? Yes, there's an empty seat in the throne room just your size. He has the makings of a Prince, no? And you know what a prince becomes don't you, Edmund?

**EDMUND:** ...King?