

NARNIA AUDITIONS 2023

SUSAN SIDES

(LUCY wanders past, umming TUMNUS' tune.)

SUSAN: Lucy, there you are!

PETER: Lucy?

SUSAN: Something's wrong with her.

PROF: They say doubt is like a hollow fog
Coating everything in mist
Turning warm and open hands
To shrouded, clenching fists

SUSAN: Umm...what? What does that mean?

PROF: It means it is a terrible thing not to be believed.

SUSAN: Professor, it's just a story.

PROF: And why should it being a story mean it isn't true?

SUSAN: We checked the wardrobe and there's nothing there.

PROF: Perhaps not *now*. But mightn't there have been when Lucy paid a visit?

SUSAN: But if there really was a country in the Wardrobe, we would have seen it. If things are real, they're there all the time.

PROF: Are they? Logic, my dear. I don't know why they've stopped teaching it in schools. Have you ever known your sister to be a liar?

SUSAN: She's the most honest of us all.

PROF: Indeed. Then there are three options as I see it. Either your sister is lying, and we've ruled that out, she has lost her mind, or she is telling the truth. Therefore there is only one thing to be done.

SUSAN: What?

PROF: Believe her.

SUSAN: Do you mean to say it's really possible? That there are other worlds, all over the place? Just around the corner like that?

PROF: My dear, nothing is more probable.

(this scene is later on, as the children are entering NARNIA)

SUSAN: What's that light?

LUCY: Come on.

SUSAN: Is this...

PETER: Are we...

LUCY: In Narnia! See? See?! I told you it was true. I told you!

PETER: What kind of trees are these?

LUCY: Oh, there's all kinds of trees. And creatures, and there's a lamppost. Come, come on!

EDMUND: Wait! We'll freeze!

SUSAN: We'll take some coats.

PETER: Those don't belong to us.

SUSAN: It's not as if we're taking them out of the house. We're not even taking them out of the wardrobe, really.

LUCY: Let's go see Mr. Tumnus! This way.

EDMUND: Didn't you come from that direction last time?

(The CHILDREN stop.)

PETER: So you have been here before! You told us Lucy had been telling lies and all the while -

SUSAN: Oh, you wretched little - *(She lunges at EDMUND. PETER stops her.)*

PETER: Susan!