

Matilda Script

HORTENSIA: Well you'd better watch out. She hates very small children, absolutely loathes them. You might not survive your first year. Lots have been carried out on stretchers screaming. I've seen it happen. *(2 children carry another across the stage on a stretcher.)*

LAVENDER: I'm sure she can't be that bad?

HORTENSIA: Did you know she has a cupboard in her room called 'The Chokey'?

Lavender and Matilda shake their heads in wonder. 2 children bring on a 'mock-up' version of The Chokey. Hortensia explains it to Matilda and Lavender.

Hortensia: It's a very tall, narrow cupboard that you have to stand in. 3 of the walls are made of cement with bits of broken glass sticking out, so you can't lean against them. It's terrible. I've been in there loads.

Miss Trunchbull storms onto the stage pushing children out of the way.

MISS TRUNCHBULL: Amanda Thripp!!!!

The CHILDREN step back, leaving AMANDA in a spotlight.

AMANDA: Yes, Miss Trunchbull?

MISS TRUNCHBULL: What have I told you about wearing pigtails? I hate pigtails!

MISS TRUNCHBULL hurries over to AMANDA.

AMANDA: But my mummy likes them! She says they make me look pretty!

MISS TRUNCHBULL Then your mummy... is a twit!

MISS TRUNCHBULL grabs AMANDA by the pigtails and swings her around and around. LIGHTS FLASH. The stage goes black. When lights come up again, AMANDA is gone. CHILDREN take up various positions around the stage and audience, pointing in every which way.

Child 1: There she goes!

Child 2: She's gone off like a rocket!

Child 3: Up, up and away!

Child 4: Well thrown sir!

A spotlight searches the audience. Amanda jumps up in the middle aisle, gives herself a shake.

AMANDA: I'M OK!!!!

Everyone cheers.

Lights down, scene change.

Scene 5

Assembly Hall.

TEACHER NARRATOR 5: They got another example of how dangerous the headmistress could be on the very next day.

TEACHER NARRATOR 6: During lunch an announcement was made that the whole school should go into the Assembly Hall.

