

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Roles in italics may be played by either gender.

Alice/Alvin

Rabbit

Cat

Caterpillar

Queen of Hearts

Duchess

Mad Hatter

March Hare

ALICE or ALVIN IN CYBERLAND

Camera is on, but the screen is blank. We can hear the tapping of keys. Then we hear...

ALICE/ALVIN

(Calling off to someone unseen.)

Tell Mom I'm in my room doing my homework! And I want chicken nuggets for dinner!

(Camera on. We see ALICE/ALVIN an obviously unhappy beside a stack of books. Talking to themselves.)

I hate homework. I'd rather be taking me a big 'ole nap. Well, let's get to it. The homework, that is. Not the nap.

(They stare at the screen as if reading information on the screen.)

"Please read and review chapters three, five and seven and...OH, I AM SO BORED!

(ALICE/ALVIN takes a moment to focus. Continuing talking to themselves.)

Okay, Alice/Alvin, focus! Perhaps literature isn't the best thing to start out with. Math. You like math.

(While tapping the keys to bring up the math assignment.)

Let's do some math. Okay. Here we go.

(Reading information from the screen.)

"Please solve the following: Aaron's candy container is 20 centimetres tall, 10 centimetres long and 10 centimetres wide. Bruce's container is 25 centimetres tall, 9 centimetres long and 9 centimetres wide. Find the volume of each container. Based on volume, whose container can hold more candy?"

(Typing in their answer.)

"The. Bigger. One." Submit. Now on to history.

(They type to bring up the history assignment.)

Ah. And here we go. "The Scientific Revolution. Please read the following essay, then answer the questions at the end." Okie-dokie.

(Deep breath. Reading enthusiastically at first.)

"The Scientific Revolution represented a shift in thinking in a handful of academics in the 16-18th centuries. Each of these scientists were products of their own cultural traditions and modes of thought.

(Slowing down and less enthusiastic.)

From our modern perspective, they held on to some mystical ideas that we would identify as "Medieval." However, their discoveries...

(Perhaps a yawn here, as they are getting bored and sleepy.)

...paved the way for a more rational understanding of the universe and for the development of the scientific method." I'm so bored. And sleepy. Focus! What I need to focus myself is a red-hot game of solitaire.

(They hit a key to bring up a game of Solitaire which we don't actually see but "watch" them play from the camera POV.)

Okay...here we go. Red two on black three. Joker on red ten. Red Queen on...so

sleepy...

(ALICE/ALVIN slumps over the books, fast asleep. Perhaps after a moment there is a bit of snoring. After a moment another screen appears and we see the RABBIT, who is tapping the screen.)

RABBIT

(While tapping their screen.)

Hello? Hello? Howdy? Hi! Hellooooooooooo? Hey, you! WAKE UP!

ALICE/ALVIN stirs a bit and is very groggy.

ALICE/ALVIN

Is it morning, already?

RABBIT

(Tapping on the screen.)

MARYANN!?! WAKE UP?

ALICE/ALVIN

HUH? Who's Maryann and who's you?

RABBIT

Who's me? Who's you? Who's you is Maryann. Who's me is the rabbit.

ALICE/ALVIN

Obviously I am NOT a "Maryann"! I mean look at me?!? Do I look like a "Maryann"? And I thought rabbit's were supposed to have good eyesight.

RABBIT

I'm not wearing my contacts.

ALICE/ALVIN

Are your eyes pink?

RABBIT

Some rabbits have pink eye.

ALICE/ALVIN

Wait a second. Why am I talking to a rabbit - and what are you doing in my computer. How did you get into my computer?

RABBIT

YOUR computer? How did YOU get into MY computer?

ALICE/ALVIN

Did you hack into my computer?

RABBIT

Did YOU hack into MY computer?

ALICE/ALVIN & RABBIT

I must be dreaming.

ALICE/ALVIN and RABBIT stare at each other for a moment.

RABBIT

I was playing a perfect lovely game of solitaire when I drew the Red Queen and...

ALICE/ALVIN

Wait a second! I was putting off my homework and playing a game of solitaire when I drew the Red Queen and...

RABBIT

Well. See ya.

RABBIT camera off.

ALICE/ALVIN

Wait!

RABBIT camera on.

RABBIT

Oh. No. Can't. Sorry. Late.

RABBIT camera off.

ALICE/ALVIN

No. WAIT! Where are you hopping off to? I want to talk. Question. Are you any good at math? I'm asking for a friend.

RABBIT camera on.

RABBIT

Look. I can't stay and chat! I'm late and the queen is going to have my head! It's in the cards. Text me!

ALICE/ALVIN

What are you talking about? What about my computer? What did you do to it?

RABBIT camera off.

ALICE/ALVIN

Wait! I have, like, so many questions. So. Many.

RABBIT camera on.

RABBIT

Sorry. I don't know anything about your computer. Only the queen of cyberland can help you because she knows everything about everything. Go see her.

RABBIT camera off.

ALICE/ALVIN

WAIT! I CAN'T DO MY HOMEWORK IF I CAN'T ACCESS MY COMPUTER!
WAIT!

(Panicked as they desperately tap at the keys.)

"Control-ALT-Delete"... "Control-ALT-Delete"... Shut down. Reboot.

CHESHIRE CAT camera on.

CAT

I wouldn't do that if I were you. Oh. I forgot. "Meow".

ALICE/ALVIN

"Meow"?

CAT

Oh...I mean..."Meooooooooowwwwwwwww." I'm a cool cat, y'see.

ALICE/ALVIN

Wait a second. Just a second ago I was talking to a rabbit and now I'm talking to a cat.

CAT

I am the ever smiling, ever beguiling Cheshire Cat. Do you like cats?

ALICE/ALVIN

The musical?

The animal.

CAT

Yeah. I do. Sure. Why not?

ALICE/ALVIN

END OF SAMPLE SCRIPT