

Matilda Audition Slides: Youth & Teens

MATILDA:

I know where Nigel is, Miss Trunchbull. He's over there under those coats. Where he's been for the last hour actually. You see, unfortunately, Nigel suffers from the rare but chronic sleep disorder, narcolepsy. The condition is characterized by the sufferer experiencing bouts of chronic fatigue and falling suddenly asleep, often without knowing or any warning at all. You see he fell asleep, and we put him in the coats for safety. He'll probably think he's in bed when he wakes up.

LAVENDER:

Hello. I'm Lavender by the way. Matilda's best friend. There's a bit coming up that's all about me. Well, not exactly about me, but I play a big part in it. But I'm not gonna say what happens because I don't want to spoil it for you. (Pause) Alright, look, what I do is I volunteer to get the Trunchbull a jug of water. And then... No! I don't want to tell you anymore because I don't want to ruin it! (Pause) Well on the way back I find a newt. A newt is like a really ugly lizard that lives in water, so I pick it up and – No! I will not say any more! (Pause) I'm going to put the newt in the Trunchbull's jug! It's going to be Brilliant.

BRUCE:

All right! I stole the cake. And honestly, I was really, definitely, sort of, almost thinking about owning up. Maybe. But the thing was, I was having a lot of trouble with my belly. You see, the Trunchbull's cake was so good that I'd scoffed it down too quick, and now it was beginning to fight back. [He burps] It was the biggest burp I had ever done. It was the biggest burp I had ever heard. The biggest burp I had ever heard about! It was like the entire world went silent for that burp to exist. As a huge cloud of chocolate-y gas wafted from my mouth and drifted across the class. Past Lavender. Past Matilda. And then, my great, big, beautiful chocolate-y burp, wafted full into the face of the Trunchbull!

NIGEL:

Hide me! Someone poured a whole can of treacle onto Trunchbull's chair! She sat down and when she got up her knickers stayed stuck to the seat! Someone told her I did it, but I never did and now she's after me! Oh Matilda...they're saying she's going to put me in the Chokey! They say it's a cupboard in her office that she throws children into. They say she's lined it with nails and spikes and bits of broken glass... Please don't tell her where I am!