

Script Extracts

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An archway with the name Shiz University hangs over the proceedings. Students enter the scene. Father, Nessarose and Elphaba enter – she tries to greet some of them, but startled by her green-ness, they recoil from her. Glinda and all the other students covertly stare at Elphaba. She decides to cut to the chase.

ELPHABA

What? What are you all looking at? Oh-- do I have something in my teeth?

Alright, fine-- we might as well get this over with:

No, I'm not seasick; yes, I've always been green;

no, I didn't eat grass as a child...

Elphaba's Father wheels on A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN IN A WHEELCHAIR—NESSAROSE

FATHER

Elphaba--!

ELPHABA

Oh, and this is my younger sister, Nessarose! As you can see, she's a perfectly normal colour.

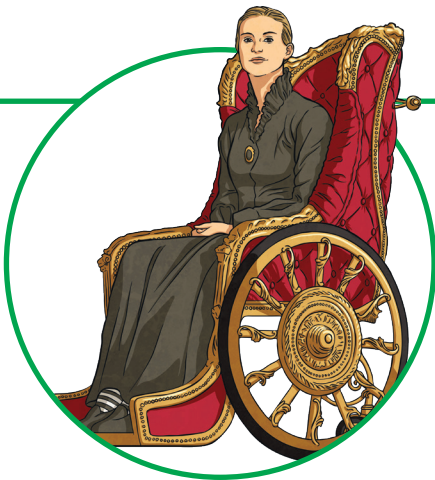
Their Father angrily pulls Elphaba aside.

FATHER

Elphaba, stop making a spectacle of yourself! Remember – I'm only sending you to this school for one reason –

ELPHABA

I know-- to look after Nessa.



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Elphaba and Glinda's dorm room. Both girls have clearly been up all night, talking.

GLINDA

Look-- it's tomorrow! And Elphie-- is it all right if I call you Elphie?

ELPHABA

Well, it's a little perky...

GLINDA

And you can call me-- Glinda. You see Elphie, now that we're friends, I've decided to make you my new project.

ELPHABA

You really don't have to do that.

GLINDA

I know. That's what makes me so nice!



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