

THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES AUDITION SIDE #5 (1 BOY, 1 GIRL)

EMPEROR. I wonder how my new friends are doing with my special wardrobe for the parade.

BARONESS. You can't rush genius, son.

EMPEROR. But, Mother, I'm spending so much money to make them comfortable.

BARONESS. It's magic, son. Magic...

EMPEROR. I know. I know.

BARONESS/EMPEROR. Only those truly blessed with great intelligence will be able to see them.

EMPEROR. Blah-blah-blah I know. I know!

BARONESS. Besides, the Chamberlain saw the clothes and pronounced them-

(CHAMBERLAIN *appears as if in a flashback*)

CHAMBERLAIN. (Will be read by the director during audition) The finest... The best...I couldn't believe my eyes.

BARONESS. Do you see?

EMPEROR. I see, but perhaps the Chamberlain can't.

BARONESS. What do you mean?

EMPEROR. The Chamberlain is old, Mother, and his eyeglasses are not to be trusted. Why, just last week, I saw him staring at you as if he was trying to memorize your face.

BARONESS. Did you see that?

EMPEROR. What I see is that I need you to go visit Connie and Jip and check on their progress.

BARONESS. Why don't you go?

EMPEROR. I want to be surprised. Please, Mama. Do it for your little Natty.

BARONESS. Well...

EMPEROR. I promise to tell you that I think you are the most wonderful, prettiest and smartest mama in the whole wide empire if you go. Will you go?

BARONESS. Alright, Natty. I could never say no to you. I will walk down the nine floors and ninety steps to see that...(CONNIE and JIP *enter.*) and here they are!