

The States Collection – Kansas  
Oz  
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CAST: 2 females

Glynnis (female) 18, any race; protective older sister

Gayle (female) 15, any race; wants out of her home

LIGHTS up on GAYLE standing in a field. Force  
wind sounds are heard. The skies are gray.  
GAYLE is loving it. GLYNNIS enters.

GLYNNIS

Gayle! GAYLE! Get inside. It's a twister! It's a twister!

GAYLE

And it's going to be a huge one!

GLYNNIS

Get inside!

GAYLE

No way. I'm off to Oz.

GLYNNIS

Cute. Come on!

GAYLE

Nope. Got my red sneakers and am waiting for the tornado to pick me up and drop  
me in Oz.

GLYNNIS

You could die out here.

GAYLE

And wake up in Oz!

GLYNNIS

*Gayle!*

GAYLE

***Glynnis!***

GLYNNIS

Quit fooling around.

GAYLE

This is my ticket out of here. You'll be at Kansas State in a few weeks. You're no longer around to protect me. I am not living alone with Mom and Dad.

GLYNNIS

They promised things would be different.

GAYLE

Yeah. Right.

(Wind howls.)

GLYNNIS

We have to go.

(GAYLE doesn't move.)

I won't go away. I'll take a gap year. It's what I wanted to do anyway.

GAYLE

Take your gap year in Oz.

GLYNNIS

There are creepy winged-monkeys.

GAYLE

I can handle that.

GLYNNIS

Wicked witches.

GAYLE

No worse than our parents. Besides, she melted.

(Lights flicker. Sounds increase. Maybe menacing music. Swirls. Whatever suits your imagination.)

GLYNNIS

Get down!

(GLYNNIS throws GAYLE down on the ground and throws herself on top of her.)

I will protect you. I will always protect you.

(LIGHTS change. They're rosier. Music is sweet.  
No wind sounds. GLYNNIS and GAYLE stand up  
and look around.)

Is that –

GLYNNIS

They Yellow Brick Road? Yes.

GAYLE

Oz!

GLYNNIS and GAYLE

END OF PLAY