

Actor's Theatre of Columbus 2025  
***She Kills Monsters* Audition Sides**

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**NARRATOR.**

In a time before Facebook, World of Warcraft, and Massive Multiplayer Online RPG's, there once existed simply a game. Forged by the hands of nerds, crafted in the minds of geeks, and so advanced in its advanciness it would take a whole second edition to contain all its mighty geekery.

And here in the land of Ohio during the year of 1995, one of the rarest types of geeks walked the earth. A Dungeon Master without fear, prejudice, or a penis. This nerd was a girl-nerd, the most uncommon form of nerd in the world and her name was Tilly Evans. But this story isn't about her... This story is about her sister...

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**TILLY**

Are you judging them? I know they're geeky, I'm geeky, we're all geeks. I'm sure you care about that stuff. Everyone else does, or did. I mean until I got hit by the car and then suddenly, wow, I'm the most popular girl in school. So we play this. We play it because it's awesome. It's about adventures and saving the world and having magic. And maybe - I guess - in some small teeny capacity, it might have a little to do with wish fulfillment. Kelly gets to walk without crutches, Ronnie gets to be super strong... Me? I get the girl.

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**CHUCK.**

Chuck Biggs? You're looking at him! But my homies just call me, simply, DM Biggs, cause, you know, I'm "big" where it counts. As in MY BRAIN! Not because I'm fat. Seriously, it has nothing to do with my body mass index, I actually work out...or plan on working out. What? Were you expecting some nerd? 'Cause I'm no nerd. I got a girlfriend. From New York. I met her on a little thing I like to call...the INTERNET! You've been on the internet, right? It's the bomb, right? I got it hooked up at my house. Top of the line. I'm talking 56 kilobits per second! Blazing fast, if you ever want to come over and check it out...

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**AGNES.**

Do you want to know what my memories of Tilly are? They're of this little nerdy girl who I never talked to, who I ignored, who I didn't understand because she didn't live in the same world as I did. Her world was filled with evil jello molds and lesbian demon queens and slacker Gods while mine...had George Michaels and legwarmers.

I didn't know her, Vera. I remember her as a baby, I remember her as this little toddler I loved picking up and holding, but I don't remember her as a teen at all. I'll never get the chance to know her as an adult.

And now all I have left is this stupid piece of paper and this stupid made-up adventure about killing a stupid made-up dragon.

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### **ORCUS**

Behold my comically large map of New Landia. This is the path you will have to take if you want to face The Tiamat. You must first travel down the River of Wetness to the Swamps of Mushy -

Then you will climb the Mountain of Steepness to the Castle of Evil to find The Tiamat. But to be able to face The Tiamat, you will have to face and defeat all three of its guardians, the Big Bosses of New Landia.

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### **KALIOPE/AGNES**

**KALIOPE:** What's wrong, Agnes the Ass-Hatted? By the droop of your shoulders and your downward gaze, it would indicate you are troubled somehow.

**AGNES:** Wow. Observant.

**KALIOPE:** Was that sarcasm?

**AGNES:** No.

**KALIOPE:** My apologies, Agnes. We Elves may have heightened speed, agility, strength, and attractiveness -

**AGNES:** And you're also humble to boot.

**KALIOPE:** We're unfortunately lacking in "emotional awareness."

**AGNES:** So you're like a robot?

**KALIOPE:** No, we're Elves. We're above emotions. That's a human trait.

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### **MILES/CHUCK**

**MILES:** Agnes! Check it out, guess who just got the new Smashing Pumpkins double disk -

**CHUCK:** Dude, nice! But I'm not gonna lie, I much prefer the consistency of "Siamese Dream" over the gaudiness of "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness."

**MILES:** Who the hell are you?

**CHUCK:** Oh, sorry, I'm Chuck. I'm Agnes's DM and you are?

**MILES:** You're her what?

**CHUCK:** Oh right, I'm not supposed to talk about that. I'm her friend. Her secret friend.

**MILES:** You're my girlfriend's "secret friend"?

**CHUCK.** Yeah, and you are?

**MILES:** Her boyfriend.

**CHUCK:** Oh yeah? I didn't know she was dating anyone.

**MILES:** Hold up, she didn't tell you about me?

**CHUCK:** Well, that's probably my fault. I keep her pretty busy if you know what I mean.

**MILES:** Keep her busy doing what?

**CHUCK:** Fighting monsters, my man. Fighting. Monsters.

**MILES:** I don't even know what that means. But I do know it means I sorta really want to punch you right now.

**CHUCK:** Why?

**MILES:** 'Cause she's my girlfriend!

**CHUCK:** No, man! It ain't like that. We just role-play! ES. You what!?!

**CHUCK:** Look, I got no feelings for her, okay? This is just for fun. Im' just here to help her play out this fantasy. There's no long term commitments!

**MILES.** Alright, I'm' gonna break you in half, you son of a -

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**AGNES/TILLY**

**TILLY:** Welcome to New Landia, stranger. I am -

(The STRANGER pulls back her hood and reveals herself to be ).-

**AGNES:** Tilly?

**TILLY:** Tillius actually. The Paladin.

**AGNES:** You're in this game?

**TILLY:** Of course I am. I made it up, didn't ?!

(Overwhelmed by seeing her sister, AGNES immediately goes to hug her.)

**AGNES:** Tilly -

*(TILLY stops her though.)*

*(Coldly)* **TILLY:**This is a D&D adventure, not therapy.

*(AGNES backs off.)*

**AGNES:** Sorry.

**TILLY:** So are you sure you want to do this?

**AGNES:** Ido. But I don't know exactly what I'm doing -

**TILLY:** Of course you don't. You're a noob.

**AGNES:** But I do WANT to do this, Tilly. I know this all this meant alot to you so I just want to -

*(TILLY does not react to this at all)*

Right. "This isn't therapy."

**TILLY:** Okay, big sis.

If you really want to play, then let's play.

But first you're going to have to meet the rest of our party.