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As Alice was lying by her sister on the bank one warm day, a White Rabbit with pink eyes suddenly ran close by her and popped down a rabbit hole under the hedge.

In another moment down went Alice after it. Down, down, down. Then suddenly, thump! thump! and the fall was over.

The White Rabbit was no longer to be seen. Alice walked on and was a little startled to see a Cheshire-Cat sitting in a tree.

“Cheshire-Puss, would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go?”

“That depends on where you want to get to. In that direction,” (Waving paw) “lives a Hatter: and in that direction,” (Waving other paw) “lives a March Hare. Visit either you like: they’re both mad. We’re all mad here. I’m mad. You’re mad.”

“How do you know that you’re mad?”

“Well, a dog growls when it’s angry, and wags its tail when it’s pleased. Now I growl when I’m pleased, and wag my tail when I’m angry.”

“I call it purring, not growling,” said Alice.

“Call it what you like,” said the Cat, and with this he vanished.

Before long Alice came in sight of the house of the March Hare. At a table under a tree, the March Hare and the Mad Hatter were having tea. A Dormouse was sitting between them fast asleep. The table was a large one, but when they saw Alice they cried out: “No room! No room!”

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