From Oz

BETH, 17, has recently landed in Oz, much to her chagrin.
MUNCHKIN MAYOR, any age (male or female)

(the MUNCHKIN MAYOR runs out.)

MUNCHKIN MAYOR *(munchkin voice)*
You've done it!

BETH
No I didn't. I didn't really do anything.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR
You've killed the witch! This is the happiest day ever for all of Munchkinville.

BETH
Okay, oompa loompa guy. The house landed on the witch, right?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR
Right on her nasty head! It was glorious!

BETH
I didn't do that. The weather did that. I had nothing to do with it.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR
You are the most powerful wizard ever to grace our presence! I bow before you.

BETH
I'm not a wizard.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR
Only a wizard would claim not to be a wizard!

BETH
Are you an idiot?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR
Only a wizard would insult someone upon first meeting them!

BETH
Sorry. Um… there's been a mistake. I don't belong in this movie.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

In payment for your great service to the Munchkin people, I present you with these ruby slippers which you may wear and – jeez you got some big feet.

BETH

They're not big! They're –

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Hey everybody! Come look at this wizard's feet! They're huge!

BETH

Give me the dang slippers.

(BETH takes the ruby slippers. They're tiny.)

What size are these?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR *(calling off)*

You ever seen a pontoon boat?! They're like that, only bigger!

BETH

Hey come on – just –

MUNCHKIN MAYOR *(calling off)*

They're like snow shoes!

(BETH grabs him.)

Ah!

BETH

I want to go home, okay? That's all I'm trying to do here. I don't want you to go through the whole song and dance, just point me in the way of the wizard and I'll be on my way.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

You are the wizard.

BETH

No I mean the Wizard of Oz.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Oh. Him.

BETH

Yeah. Him.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

He only talks to brunettes.

BETH

I've got a wig. Just point me in the direction of the yellow brick road.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Oh. That. We've had some trouble with that.

BETH

With the yellow brick road?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Can you sit down for a sec? This will take some explaining.

(the MUNCHKIN MAYOR begins a power point presentation. (or he could simply take out large pieces of poster board.))

BETH

What happened to the yellow brick road?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Well… turns out the Lollipop guild was overinflating their real estate prices,

(a slide showing arrows leading up and happy dancing munchkins)

so we've had something we refer to as an "explosive financial meltdown"

(a slide of an explosion. The MUNCHKIN MAYOR make the sound of a bomb falling and exploding.)

– so… we don't really have the yellow brick road any more.

BETH

Where is it?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

We sold it to foreign investors.

(a slide saying, "CHINA.")

But we have some wonderful pictures of it. I have a few in my wallet.

BETH

How am I supposed to find the Wizard?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

That's a good question.

(he thinks)

I've got an idea. While you wait you might like to purchase some real estate here in Munchkinville.

(a slide, "Opportunities for you.")

There are some great deals to be had. I happen to be our real estate agent as well as Mayor –

BETH

I'm not buying real estate. I'm a girl.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Girls can buy real estate! I've seen it happen a lot.

BETH

I don't have a job or anything.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

It doesn't matter! We have this thing called a bank. And a bank just hands out free money to everyone.

(a slide: Bank handing out free money dependent on 18% interest, compounded weekly. Please read the fine print. More unreadable fine print below.)

It's a party! I find that the best thing to do in a crisis is to stay right where you are and keep doing exactly what you've been doing. Routine, routine, routine. I fear change. Hope that helps.

BETH

That doesn't help at all.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Well… if you don't want to stay here forever, you can go that way. But be afraid. Be very, very afraid. The woods are dark at night and without a path to guide you you'll most certainly be attacked by lions, tigers, and bears and eaten. Lollipop?

BETH

Thanks.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Good luck! I hope your death is quick and painless! Oh wait wait.

BETH

Can I just go?

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Since you are technically responsible for the death of the Wicked Witch of the East –

BETH

I didn't do that.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Right, but since that's what we're going to tell people, you're going to be blamed for it, you will need to watch out for her sister, the Wicked Witch of the West. She's a hoot. Don't worry, with your amazing magical powers you will be able to defeat her in a wizardly battle that will be both spectacular and fun.

(the MUNCHKIN MAYOR begins acting out the spectacular magical battle.)

BETH

I don't have any magical powers.

MUNCHKIN MAYOR

Oh. That's not good for you then. I'm actually going to leave now and not talk to you any more. Good luck with the dying.

(he slinks away.)

BETH

That was helpful. Come on Toto.

(she looks at the dog.)

What? Now I'm talking to you. I must really be going crazy.