

LEGISLATOR

You'd be meaning the black settlements, I imagine. Why, you can wait and enroll in school when you get there. My recommendation is Nicodemus, up in the northwest part of the state, Miss...uh, ...Miss...

ALICE

Oh, pardon me, my name is Alice Willmott. (she curtsies) But we're not sure yet where we're going to settle. I don't really know why, but one man told my father the rules for schools here are a little complicated. And I've come to check on them so we can get enrolled.

LEGISLATOR

Glad to make your acquaintance (tips hat), Alice. I'm Mr. Thorne, a member of the Kansas legislature, I'm proud to say. I try to do the best job I can for all our citizens.

ALICE

Does that mean me too?

LEGISLATOR

Of course it does, young lady. We're glad to have join us anyone who wants to be a productive citizen. You'll like it in Kansas. We call ourselves "the Free State," you know. There's another good black settlement down in the southeast, called...

ALICE

Maybe we're staying in the city. The schools are already operating, and my Mother wants us to get right into school.

LEGISLATOR

Which city?

ALICE

Right here in Wyandotte.

LEGISLATOR

You still in the grades, or in high school?

ALICE

I'm ready for high school.

LEGISLATOR

That's just fine. You're an ambitious young lady. Wyandotte's got a magnificent high school. I'm sure you'll be welcome. As the law reads, "no discrimination shall be made on account of color." Good day to you (he starts to exit).

LILLIE

But my brothers are little. They're all still in the grades.