



Penelope Pye, 11

The Chameleon

Amelia's best friend since preschool, Penelope is a complete oddball, just like Amelia, which is probably what makes them such good friends. When apart, they're both dreamers, but together, they'll commit to the most outrageous plans because they just love and support each other so much. Sometimes a bit too much, dropping them into many a pickle.

Penelope's greatest passion is acting. She's very "Method" and is always busy pulling together costumes/props for her next big performance at her Great Granny Pye's op shop. Penelope's talent is not lost on Amelia, who frequently plays the role of director, helping Penelope find the role through which she can best express herself.

Penelope is driven by "her craft". She doesn't need fame or external validation to fulfil her calling. That said, it would be nice to occasionally have an audience's energy to respond to... or even just a speaking role. Trouble is, the annual school play casting is always rigged by the Katinkatonks, who have cast Penelope as a silent background tree in every production since kindy. But this year is going to be different. Very different! Over the series, Penelope will find her place in the gang as the master of disguise.

Despite her dream of being in the limelight, Penelope struggles with nerves when it comes to the crunch, her confidence being the first thing to wobble when the moment counts. But Queenie's presence encourages Penelope to find her confidence and truly believe in herself. Something she'll have to do when she finally takes to the stage at NugFest!