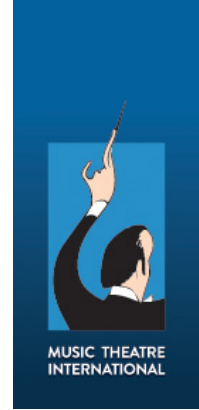


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Audition Central: Elf The Musical JR.

Script: Buddy

SIDE 1

CHARLIE

How you doing, Buddy?

BUDDY

Um, fine Charlie, but... I guess I m gonna be a little short on today s quota.

CHARLIE

That s all right, Buddy. Just tell me, how many Etch A Sketches® did you get finished?

BUDDY

I made, uh, eighty-five!

CHARLIE

Eighty-five? It s ten a.m. and you ve only made eighty-five?

BUDDY

Why don t you just say it? I m the worst toy maker in the whole wide world. I m a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins.

CHARLIE

You re not a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins. You have lots of talents, uh, special talents in fact, like, uh...

ELF #1

You re the best basketball player in the whole North Pole!

ELF #2

Even better than Santa!

ELF #3

And you re the only baritone in the Jinglesingers!

ELF #4

You bring us down a whole octave.

ELF #5

In a good way!

CHARLIE

See, Buddy? Hey, these elves are getting pretty thirsty. Would you mind doing a round with the cocoa cart?

BUDDY

Yay! Cocoa cart! Cocoa cart!

(BUDDY leaves. CHARLIE motions to SHAWANDA to join him.)

CHARLIE

Hey, Shawanda.

SHAWANDA

Yeah, Charlie?

CHARLIE

I hate to do this to you, but do you think you could pick up the slack with those Etch A Sketches®?

(BUDDY returns. He listens, unnoticed.)

SHAWANDA

No problem.

CHARLIE

I appreciate it. I feel bad for the big guy. I just hope he doesn't get wise.

SHAWANDA

Well, if he hasn't figured out by now that he's a human I don't think he ever will.

BUDDY

Human?!? I'm human?

(Beat.)

CHARLIE

(desperately whispering to ELF #1)

Get Santa!

(ELF #1 runs off to get SANTA.)

BUDDY

You said I'm human!

CHARLIE

No. No.

SHAWANDA

No, not you Buddy. We're talking about some other Buddy. Some Buddy... else.

BUDDY

No you weren't!

SIDE 2

BUDDY

Santa? Is it true what they said? Am I human?

SANTA

Good question.