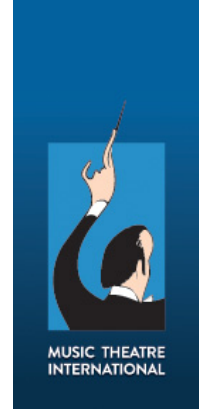


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SIDE 1

BUDDY

All fixed!

MICHAEL

Yay, Buddy!

*(hugs BUDDY)*

You re the man!

EMILY

Nice going, Buddy.

*(EMILY hugs BUDDY too. The door opens, and WALTER enters. WALTER stops short upon seeing BUDDY, MICHAEL and EMILY all happily hugging each other.)*

WALTER

What in the devil is going on here?!

BUDDY

Hi, Dad!

MICHAEL

Look, Buddy fixed my wind machine!

EMILY

He s stayin with us!

WALTER

Staying with us? What do you mean, Emily, he s staying with us?

*(EMILY grabs WALTER s arm and moves him away from BUDDY and MICHAEL. EMILY picks up an envelope from the table.)*

EMILY

Walter, I've been, uh, very busy the last couple of days. You see, I took a strand of Buddy's hair, and a few strands of your hair from the sink, then I had my cousin at Beth Israel Hospital compare the two and...

**WALTER**

*(worried)*

And?

**EMILY**

*(hands WALTER the envelope with a DNA report)*

You have an elf for a son.

**WALTER**

Oh, no.

*(During the above, we see BUDDY and MICHAEL move closer to eavesdrop. BUDDY races to hug WALTER. MICHAEL follows right behind BUDDY.)*

**BUDDY**

Yay! I knew it! I knew it! Dad!!! Dad!!! Dad!!!

**MICHAEL**

I got a big brother! This is so cool! I can't believe it!

**BUDDY**

I planned out our whole first day, Dad. Just you and me. Tomorrow we will...

**WALTER**

Tomorrow I've got to go to work...

**EMILY**

*(interrupting)*

Tomorrow, your father will take you to work with him.

**WALTER**

All right, but if you're coming with me you'll have to lose that costume. We'll stop at Brooks Brothers on the way and get you a suit.

**BUDDY**

Oh! Can it be red like Santa's?

**WALTER**

No.

**SIDE 2**

**SAM**

We got a problem, Mr. Hobbs. *Jingles The Jolly Christmas Puppy* is tanking in every bookstore in the country.

**WALTER**

Why?

**SAM**

Because two whole pages are missing from the last chapter.

**WALTER**

What?

Without them the end of the book makes no sense.

**WALTER**

*(calling to DEB)*

Deb!

**DEB**

Yes, Mr. Hobbs.

**WALTER**

Coffee! Now!

**DEB**

Right away.

**WALTER**

*(EMILY and twelve-year-old MICHAEL enter.)*

**EMILY**

Hi, darling.

**MICHAEL**

Hi, Dad.

**EMILY**

Ready to go?

**WALTER**

Go where?

**EMILY**

Christmas shopping, remember?

**WALTER**

I can't. I'm swamped.

**MICHAEL**

Dad, it is well documented that the children of workaholics are prone to self-esteem issues.

*(WALTER stares at EMILY, baffled. DEB stifles a laugh.)*

**WALTER**

Could we please continue this delightful conversation over here?