

SCENE 7

BUDDY

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Macy's, the toy department. Minimally decorated for Christmas, with a large sign saying, "The North Pole." At stage right, there is a revolving door leading into the store. A large, sparsely decorated Christmas tree stands nearby. CUSTOMERS, including a number of children with parents, and sales clerks dressed as STORE ELVES are on stage as the scene begins. Christmas MUSIC and ringing bells under. As the LIGHTS come up, the revolving door is spinning with BUDDY inside and after three turns or so, BUDDY stumbles happily smiling into the store and encounters a non-elf SALESWOMAN, spraying samples of perfume into the air. MUSIC underscores.

SALESWOMAN
Jungle Passion fruit spray?

BUDDY
Fruit spray? Sure.

BUDDY takes the bottle from her and sprays it into his mouth. HE instantly goes into a child-like fit, loudly whining and jumping all over the place. The SALESWOMAN takes the bottle away from him, gives a look and hurries off. The toy department MANAGER, a heavy-set black man comes up to BUDDY. MUSIC out.

START:

MANAGER
Hey you! Get back to work! What section I assign you to

BUDDY
I don't know.

MANAGER
You don't know? All right, you work right over there, the North Pole.

BUDDY
That's not the North Pole.

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MANAGER
Yes, it is.

BUDDY
No, it's not.

MANAGER
Yes, it is.

BUDDY
No, it's not.

MANAGER
Yes, it is.

BUDDY
No, it isn't.

MANAGER
Yes, it is.

BUDDY
No, it isn't.

MANAGER
Yes, it is.

BUDDY
No it's not. Where's the snow?!
(BUDDY grins happily and the MANAGER
scowls)

MANAGER
Why you smilin' like that?

BUDDY
I just like to smile. Smiling's my favorite.

MANAGER
Make work your favorite, that's your new
favorite, okay? Work is your new favorite.

BUDDY
Yay! I love to work.

MANAGER
Good.

BUDDY
Nothing makes the big guy happier than to see
all his little people working hard.

MANAGER
Wait a minute. The big guy?

BUDDY
Yeah.

MANAGER
The big guy from up north?

BUDDY
That's the one.

MANAGER
Did he send you down here?

BUDDY
He sure did!

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MANAGER

Damn Corporate! Always checking up on me. Okay. Fine. We'll work together, me and you, be good pals, okay?

BUDDY

Okay!

MANAGER

Okay. Now, I have to make a little announcement, if that's alright with you?

BUDDY

Of course!

MANAGER

Thanks.

(loudly to ALL)

Attention Macy's shoppers! We'll be closing in five minutes, but tomorrow mornin', ten a.m., Santa Claus is comin' to town!

BUDDY

Santa!!! Oh, my gosh! Santa here? I know him! I know him!

MANAGER

He'll be here to take pictures with all the children. Ten a.m. tomorrow...

BUDDY

Ten a.m. tomorrow!

MANAGER

Santa Claus is comin' to town!

BUDDY

Santa Claus is comin' to town!

MANAGER

You. If you don't mind, could you go help that girl over there decorate that tree?

BUDDY

Yay! Santa always likes it when I help decorate the tree at the North Pole!

MANAGER

I'll say this for you, Buddy, you give good elf.

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