

SANTA INC.

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CAST

SANTA	Mall Santa Claus who's really Santa
BRAT	Spoiled brat *
MANAGER	Takes photos of Santa Claus. Rushes people in and out
ELF	An elf
CEO	CEO of Christmas Corp.
GIRL	An appreciative young girl *

\* can be either gender, adjust dialogue to fit

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SCENE ONE: INT. MALL - DAY

(Santa, Brat, Mom, Manager)

MUSIC: CHRISTMAS MUSIC, POP FLAIR, IN BACKGROUND

SANTA: Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas little boy! Come to Santa Claus!

BRAT: (ASIDE) Mom do I HAVE to?

MOM: You do if you want to play with your Wii later!

BRAT: (SIGHS)

SANTA: Now, what do you want for Christmas this year young man?

BRAT: Give it up candy-cane face, I know you're a hack.

SANTA: Ho... Now what would make a little boy like you say something like that?

BRAT: Everyone knows you're a fake. Mom and dad buy me the presents so why would I even want to talk to you?

SANTA: Don't believe in Santa Claus, huh? How about the spirit of Christmas?

BRAT: The spirit of what?

SANTA: You know, Christmas. What this time is all about.

BRAT: Well DUHHHHHHH... Presents!

SANTA: (LAUGHS SADLY) Is that so --

SFX: SNAP! A PHOTO TAKEN

MANAGER: Okay! That's enough for now little, uh, Johnny, you're the mom, right -- yeah, photo's ten dollars, Laraine will help you over there and YES we do take credit cards.

SANTA: Guess that's it, little boy, but just one thing.

BRAT: What?

SANTA: What are you giving this year for Christmas?

BRAT: (DOUBLE-TAKE) What?

SANTA: What are -- you -- giving?

BRAT: Nothing!

SANTA: Then that's all you'll get. Merry Christmas, little one, and bless your heart.

BRAT: Pah!

MANAGER: Okay, keep moving there... Next!

SANTA: (SIGHS)

MUSIC: CHRISTMAS MUSIC FADES OUT

SCENE TWO: INT. MALL - EVENING

(Announcer, Manager, Santa)

ANNOUNCER: Attention shoppers, the mall is now  
officially closed. Please exit the building  
at the nearest exit. Continue your shopping  
tomorrow with our exclusive early bird  
specials!

SOUND: RUMMAGING AROUND, THINGS PACKED UP

MANAGER: (APPROACHING) Say, uh, Mr. Claus, the take  
wasn't so great today.

SANTA: (SADLY) Wasn't it, now?

MANAGER: No -- in fact, it hasn't been good this  
whole week, or the week before --

SANTA: What are you getting at?

MANAGER: Well, I'm not saying that you lack  
professionalism -- I mean, your costume  
really is a class act, and you've got the  
laugh down pat, but --

SANTA: I don't make you enough money.

**MANAGER:** No no no! On behalf of Big Gifts LLC, parent company of Holidays Incorporated and subsidiary of Grand Celebrations Global, I would NEVER say that profitability is to account for our, um, downsizing decision.

**SANTA:** Downsizing?

**MANAGER:** Well... to be honest, we've conducted some market research, and really, interest in Santa Claus is on a downturn. People today, well, they just don't GET your gig... what with your living in the arctic -- what's left of it -- working those elves in sweatshop-like conditions, enslaving a team of reindeer and breaking and entering to deliver wooden toys? You can't IMAGINE the lobby groups we've had on our backs... animal rights, workers rights, homeowners with guns, it's all just...

**SANTA:** Unprofitable.

**MANAGER:** Dated, Mr. Claus. Like Keith Richards -- good for a few grand finales, but not for the long haul.

**SANTA:** I... see.

**MANAGER:** Our plan, starting, well, tomorrow actually, is to introduce a hipper, 21<sup>st</sup> century digital age HDTV-ready family friendly all purpose holiday icon! Say a big welcome to Wally, the llama of cheer!

**SANTA:** What?

**MANAGER:** You see, people just... feel good about llamas. And we don't have any of those issues about political correctness. And my goodness, what child WOULDN'T want their photo taken with Wally, llama of cheer?

**SOUND:** LLAMA SOUND

**SANTA:** But that llama... looks miserable

**MANAGER:** He's just a little groggy from the plane ride from Argentina. But he'll be better than ever tomorrow. No hard feelings, okay?

**SANTA:** Sure.

**MANAGER:** That's the spirit. Happy non-denominational culturally sensitive holiday event to you!

## SCENE 3: EXT. MALL - EVENING

(Santa, Girl)

SOUND: \_\_\_\_\_ WIND RISES UP

SANTA: Well buggerall...

SOUND: \_\_\_\_\_ CARS WHIZ PAST

SANTA: Snubbed by little boys, replaced by a groggy llama and too controversial for a place that only wants toys that go woop, woop, woop...  
(SIGHS) What's an old badger like me to do?

SOUND: \_\_\_\_\_ PAUSE. THEN, CRYING, DISTANT

SANTA: Now hold on a second... I can tell what that is a mile away! A child is... crying... yes... little girl, little girl! What's wrong?

GIRL: My... My mommy says that Christmas isn't coming this year.

SANTA: What?

GIRL: She says that just go on and forget about it, because with gas prices like they are, we can't have no stinkin' presents.

SANTA: She said that, did she?

GIRL: (SNIFFLES) Yeah.

SANTA: And how does that make you feel?

GIRL: Sad... I like Christmas.

SANTA: You mean the presents?

GIRL: No... I mean. I like all the music! And the snowflakes! And, and... peace on earth, right, isn't that in a story somewhere?

SANTA: Peace on earth, and good will towards men -- and women. Yes it is.

GIRL: Oh I like that one a lot!

SANTA: So what DO you want for Christmas this year?

GIRL: I want... my mom to be happy.

SANTA: You mean, you don't want anything for yourself?

GIRL: I have lots of things. But not my mom.

SANTA: Well tell you what, little girl, you can have your wish... In fact (TRIUMPHANTLY) this will be the best thing for Christmas ever!

GIRL: You mean it... You really mean it!

SANTA: Yes. Or they don't call me Jolly Ol' Saint Nick!



SANTA: If anyone still believes in Christmas, it will.

ANNOUNCER: But what about the presents? Presents arguably ARE Christmas, at least for the multi-billion dollar retail industry...

SANTA: Well, you're about to hear it from the man in red himself: presents aren't Christmas. Happiness is Christmas. And if you can be happy for at least one day in the whole year, it's the greatest gift anyone can give to anyone.

ANNOUNCER: Happiness, huh? And after all these years, what did it take for you to realize happiness was the most important thing?

SANTA: Let's just say it was one bratty boy... and one wonderful girl.

ANNOUNCER: Well that's it, then! Here from Flying Seven News, all the news that's fit to misrepresent, we had it first, and will have continuing coverage for days from now, Santa has officially quit the gift giving business... just in time to welcome... Wally, the Llama of Cheer!

SOUND: \_\_\_\_\_ LLAMA SOUND

**MUSIC:** ~~BRING UP CHRISTMAS SONG, UPBEAT.~~

**ANNOUNCER:** (UNDER) cut to commercial tom.

**THE END**