

HOLIDAY DELIGHTS

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BARNYARD CHRISTMAS

THEME: Christmas.

SETTING: A barnyard with barn to the right.

PROPS: A chair, a knitted sweater, a piece of purple cloth, a doll for baby Jesus, a small bottle, and a nose ring. Cassandra wears a blue ribbon won at fair, Rob wears the nose ring. Mary and Joseph wear traditional Hebrew style clothing.

SYNOPSIS

Scene 1: Barnyard

Scene 2: Same day, late afternoon

Scene 3: Later that evening

CAST OF CHARACTERS

KATIE: A nice cow who struggles with feeling inferior.

CASSANDRA: Conceited and pushy cow.

LEROY: Bossy cow who always has to be right.

ROB: Touchy, quick tempered cow.

SAM: Enthusiastic cow who dreams up crazy schemes.

PAM: Sam's twin.

MARY: A young, sweet Jewish woman.

JOSEPH: A kind Jewish man.

SCENE 1

(AT RISE: ALL COWS except SAM and PAM are in the barnyard.)

CASSANDRA: All I'm saying, Katie, is that some of us come from high quality stock. I'm a cow, you're a cow, but not all cows are created equal.

KATIE: Look, Cassandra, I'm not jealous of your blue ribbon, okay?

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CASSANDRA: Oh, no, Katie, of course you're not! But I know how disappointed you must be that you didn't even win. I know how miserable you must be that you didn't win a red ribbon, either ... how crushed you are that you didn't even win an honorable mention.

KATIE: (*Unconvincingly.*) Really, Cassandra, I'm not at all disappointed.

CASSANDRA: But of course you are!

KATIE: No, really ...

CASSANDRA: (*Snaps.*) Yes, you are! I said you are and you are! (*Softer.*) And I really, really, do feel for you. And I mean that from the bottom of my hoof.

KATIE: How mooooooving. (*Enter SAM and PAM.*)

SAM: Hey, everybody! Come here!

PAM: We've got big news!

CASSANDRA: What big news?

PAM: There's a King coming! Right, Sam?

KATIE: Really? A real live King?

LEROY: What's this? Nobody informed me!

SAM: We just heard! Pam and I were in the marketplace when we ran into that herd of Jerseys from over the hill ...

LEROY: Jerseys? Hmmmph! "Over the hill" is a good way to describe those old bags of bones.

ROB: Yeah, those Jerseys are just a bunch of milk sops. (*LEROY and ROB snicker.*)

LEROY: Yeah, you'd better steer clear of them. Get it? "Steer clear?" (*THEY laugh.*)

ROB: We milked that one for all it was worth, didn't we?

PAM: No, listen! They were smoothing down their cowlicks and polishing their horns and acting all excited and ...

SAM: ... and we asked them what was going on, and they said they were getting ready for a King, a real King, and he's supposed to be coming tonight! Man, I about had a cow!

PAM: And that's not all! Everybody was dashing around to get a present ...

SAM: ... but they all got a head start on us. They all have their presents practically ready...

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PAM: ... and we've just got until tonight. Tonight! Oh, Sam!
We've got to get started on our gift right away!

SAM: We need something really great. I mean REALLY
great! (*SAM and PAM exit SL.*)

KATIE: A King? Coming here!?

ROB: Well, if that's true, we'd better get busy and figure out
what we can do about getting our gifts. (*ROB exits to
barn, CASSANDRA exits SL.*)

KATIE: What's all this about gifts?

LEROY: Katie, Katie, where have you been? Were you
born in a barn?

KATIE: Actually, yes.

LEROY: Everyone knows you must have a gift to present to
the King. He won't receive you without one. (*KATIE exits,
ROB returns with knitting.*) Just out of curiosity, Rob, what
are you doing there?

ROB: Oh, this knitting? This is my present for the King.

LEROY: (*Amused.*) You're making him a sweater?

ROB: Yes, a sweater! Have you got a problem with that?

LEROY: Rob, my boy, you've much to learn. We're talking
about the King here, understand? A man's man ... the
great one! (*SAM and PAM enter.*)

PAM: I told you it wouldn't work. I told you it was too big of
a project.

SAM: But, Pam, what's better fitting for a King than a
castle?

LEROY: A castle. What a joke!

PAM: It would have been great, but we really don't have the
money ...

SAM: ... or the tools ...

PAM: ... or the time to do it. (*BOTH think for a moment.*)
Hey, Sam! I've got it! Maybe we can't build a castle, but
what King wouldn't want a chariot?

LEROY: You two think you're going to build a chariot?

KATIE: (*Entering.*) How are you going to do that?

SAM: I don't know, but we'll think of something, won't we,
Pam? (*PAM nods. THEY exit.*)

LEROY: Those two have the craziest ideas.

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KATIE: At least they have some ideas. I can't think of anything to give the King!

ROB: I suppose you're going to wow the King with something really great, huh, Leroy?

LEROY: You know as well as I do those two can't build a chariot any more than they could build a castle. But a King needs something better than a sissy sweater.

ROB: My sweater's not sissy, I'll have you know!

LEROY: Oh, listen to him! (*Mimics ROB.*) "My sweater's not sissy."

ROB: Oh, yeah? Well, I don't see you making a gift. At least I'll have a gift by tonight, and the King will receive me!

LEROY: I'll have you know that I've got an idea for a gift and it's a pretty good one, if I do say so myself. Something that a real man can appreciate.

ROB: What gift could you possibly come up with that's fit for a King?

LEROY: Well, think of it. A King is a man, right? A man's man, right? He needs something manly, something that really says "macho."

ROB: So, what are you going to give him?

LEROY: You'll see! (*LEROY exits. CASSANDRA enters.*)

CASSANDRA: What do you think of this beautiful material? Won't it make a nice robe?

KATIE: Why, it's beautiful, Cassandra. Where did you get it?

CASSANDRA: Oh, I have my ways.

KATIE: Hey, this cloth looks familiar.

CASSANDRA: Don't touch it! It's mine!

KATIE: Hey, I've seen this cloth before. It was hanging on a clothesline at the neighbor's. Cassandra! Did you steal it?

CASSANDRA: No, I didn't steal it. I ... exchanged something for it. Yes, I took the cloth and in exchange I left them one of my famous pies.

KATIE: (*Dryly.*) You left them a cow pie?

ROB: Cassandra! Now this really is too much! I just have to put my hoof down!

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