

RUDOLPH'S BIG SECRET

**A CHRISTMAS PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL
AGES**

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DRAMATIS PERSONAE

THE SILENT SNOWMAN - a cardboard character

RUDOLPH - the red-nosed reindeer

SUZIE McSNEEZER - an elf

SANTA CLAUS

THE WINTER WIND (audience)

BOBBY BAGGINS - a storyteller aka **BIG MAX** - a bully

MR. BOGUTIER - a toymaker

THE CHORUS aka **ELVES** aka **SNOWFLAKES**

RUDOLPH'S BIG SECRET

TIME: The present.
PLACE: THE NORTH POLE

{MR. BOGUTIER AND THE ELVES ARE HARD AT WORK IN SANTA'S TOY SHOP. MR. BOGUTIER RUSHES TO AND FRO CHECKING AND INSPECTING THE WORKERS WHO ARE MAKING AND TESTING OUT THE TOYS.}

MR. BOGUTIER: Come on, come on fellows! Christmas is only a few days away! Just a few! *{OPENS A WINDOW}* Here, here! Now, now! Maybe with a little fresh air and the magic of the winter wind we'll get done on time! Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! My, my, my, oh my! *{LOOKS AT HIS WATCH}* It's almost time for lunch! *{GOES TO THE CALENDER}* Oh my! *{FRETTING}* Shall we ever get our work finished in time for Christmas?

ELF # 1: Don't worry, boss! We always do! Trust us!

MR. BOGUTIER: I do! But it's so close!

ELF # 2: Yep, yep! We always do Mr. Bogutier! We always do!

ELF # 1: That's the magic of Christmas! Everything always gets done in time!

MR. BOGUTIER: You're right! I just have to believe in the magic! *{FEELS A GUST OF WIND}* Oh my, my! *{SHIVERS}* Sure is cold! Hmmm! Maybe that is the magic I'd asked for! Hope so! Hope so, hope so! Well, we shall see! *{A WHISTLE BLOWS}* We shall see! *{EXITS}*

ELF # 1: *{ANNOUNCES TO ALL}* Time for lunch! Everyone clean up your work station!

ELF # 2: Oh boy-oh-boy!

ELF # 1: *{ANNOUNCES TO ALL}* Time for lunch! Clean up first.

ELF # 2: Oh boy-oh-boy! Lunchtime!

ELF # 3: I'm starving!

ELF # 4: Me, too!

ELF # 3: Hurry and clean up!

ELF # 1: Clean up properly, now. I'm checking!

ELF # 3: I will, I promise!

ELF # 4: Hey, wanna race to the cafeteria?

ELF # 3: Okay!

ELF # 2: Oh boy-o-boy! Wait for me, guys!

ELF # 1: *{ANNOUNCES TO ALL}* No running inside!

ELF # 4: He's a party-popper!

ELF # 3: Yeah! Just cuz he's in charge!

ELF # 1: Especially you two, tricksters! You guys know Santa's rules for safety!

{AS THE LUNCH WHISTLE BLOWS, AND ALL THE ELVES SCURRY ABOUT THE LIGHTS FADE ON THE TOYSHOP AND COME UP ON THE EXTERIOR WINTER WONDERLAND SCENE.}

{THE ELVES RUN ABOUT PLAYFULLY AND MIMING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SKATING, SNOWBALL BATTLES, TUMBLING, SINGING, DANCING. MUSIC COMES UP AS A GROUP OF SNOWFLAKES COME IN SURROUNDING BOBBY BAGGINS.}

Song #1: Christmas Magic

Sung by Bobby Baggins & The Snowflake Chorus

Magic, Christmas Magic (ECHO) Magic, Christmas Magic

It starts up in the Fall... A time of fun for all...

See the flakes of snow , they're glistening..

Hear the songs of love, start listening!

There's a lot of mystical, magical, marvelous things to hear...

Magic, Christmas Magic (ECHO) Magic, Christmas Magic

A remarkable, mystical, magical, marvelous, time of the year!

Verse 1

There is a magic at Christmas; It happens every year...

When people start with giving gifts; it fills them all with cheer.

REFRAIN

Verse 2

There is a magic at Christmas; It comes into the air

When people's hearts start growing ; it makes them all want to share

REFRAIN

Verse 3

There is a magic at Christmas; It fills the world full of light

When every heart sparks up a glow; the night is even bright.

REFRAIN

Verse 4

Yes there is a magic at Christmas! It's such a lovely scene!

When the joy of life starts dancing; wait! You'll see what I

mean! (ECHO) Just wait! You'll see what I mean!

{THE HOUSE LIGHTS FADE TO BLACK AS THE STAGE LIGHTS COME UP ON BOBBY BAGGINS, WHO ENTERS YAWNING, LOOKS AT HIS POCKET WATCH, THEN AT THE AUDIENCE.}

BOBBY BAGGINS: *{BIG YAWN}* Well, well, well! Good day, b-b-boys and girls. My name is B-Bobby B-B-Baggins. *{CLEARS THROAT}* Excuse my B's, I seem to have a b-bit of t-t-trouble with my T's and B's. B-B-But there's a cure for that, you know. A good solid cure for it and that's exactly why I came here today. Whenever you can do something nice for someone... you do it.

Say, if you know a friend feels b-b-badly... you try to help him out

That way you can forget about your own problems for a while. B-B-Besides, I love doing nice things for people. It makes me feel so good inside.

{CLICKS HEELS AND HOLLERS} Zippity do! *{CLEARS THROAT}* Yes, now about the story. Well, like I was saying there's this friend of mine, her name is Suzie McSneezer. She's a really nice little elf. She was one of my best little workers in the kitchen.... I'm in charge of Santa's b-b-bakery up here at the North Pole. One of my best... except for her chronic sneezing. I had to let her go. Had to ask here to quit because all the bread was coming out of the ovens flat as a pan. It was a hard thing to do... she was so sad. And I had to tell her myself. I tried to convince her that she'd find some other job, but she felt sure she was nothing but a failure.

The day she left the b-b-bakery, one of the icing makers told her about a magical place, "The field of the Silent Snowman". It's right over there. *{POINTS UP STAGE RIGHT}*. See him... that's the Silent Snowman. Suzie is coming here today to ask the Silent Snowman to grant a wish for her *{EXAGGERATED WHISPER}*. I'm not sure if the magic's in that snowman, but I know that there's magic in each and every one of us. Sometimes we call it love or happiness, but it's really all the magic of life.

And when Suzie comes up here I want to help her believe in the magic that's right inside her heart. I'm going to help her. I'm going to make the sound of the winter wind so loud that she'll be sure to believe in it's magic. *{CROSSOVER UPSTAGE RIGHT}* Oh b-b-boy, I think I hear her coming now *{STOPS}* Hey, you want to help me help her? You can make the sound of the winter wind too. Every time you hear the wind blow, I'll hold up this picture of the wind... and you blow--- as hard as you can. Ok? You have to listen real close, so zip up your lips and sit really still. And every time you see this card, and hear the wind start howling, BLOW AS HARD AS YOU CAN. Like this:
Woooooooooah! *{BLOWS THEN JUMPS}*.

Now, I'm sure I hear Suzie coming. I'd better hide. *{LOOKS BACK}* And don't forget, b-b-be ready with that wind when I need you. Oh and b-b-by the way, thanks. Ya know every little bit of magic will help make Suzie's wish come true. *{DASHES UPSTAGE RIGHT AND HIDES BEHIND THE SILENT SNOWMAN}*

{SUZIE MCSNEEZER, AN ELF, ENTERS SINGING AND DANCING TO THE TUNE OF "RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER"}

Suzie McSneezer: Brrrrrrrr. Oh, I just love Christmas carols. I think Rudolph's my favorite. I guess we're kinda alike. Both got problems of the nose... if you know what I mean.

{SNEEZE}

They don't call me Suzie McSneezer for nothing you know *{SNEEZE}* I could have been a great singer! I sing beautifully all summer long! But who needs Christmas carolers in the summer! Santa sure doesn't! I practiced all my songs! Passed my audition with flying colors! Santa thought I was the best! Really! Then came Fall, and the chill of the Winter Wind.

{SNEEZES}

{SEES THE SILENT SNOWMAN} Wowie! It's him! *{POINTS UPSTAGE AT THE SILENT SNOWMAN}* At last, I've reached the field of The Silent Snowman! Hurrah! *{SNEEZE}* The Silent Snowman. *{POINTS AGAIN}* I can't believe my ears!

{BLUSHES} Oops! I mean, my eyes! *{RUSHES OVER TO THE SILENT SNOWMAN}* You are The Silent Snowman, aren't you? *{SNEEZE}* Oh, great! He can't answer me! I've come all this way to ask The Silent Snowman to grant one little tiny magic wish for me, just one, that's all, *{SNEEZE}* one little, itty bitty wish *{SNEEZE}*, I don't wish for silver, I don't wish for gold... I just want to be able to withstand the cold without sneezing...*{SNEEZES REAL LOUD THEN CRIES OUT}* Oh! I just can't take it anymore! I'm gonna have to move to Florida or something! (SNEEZE)

{RUDOLPH WANDERING THROUGH THE WOODS, CROSSES UPSTAGE. HE JUMPS AS SUZIE SNEEZES. SEES HER, THEN CRANES HIS NECK TO HEAR HER TALKING TO THE SILENT SNOWMAN, YET REMAINS UNNOTICED BY SUZIE.}

Suzie McSneezer: Every year it's the same old story... SNEEZE! SNEEZE! SNEEZE! SNEEZE! From the first Fall leaf until the Spring thaw! SNEEZE! SNEEZE! SNEEZE! SNEEZE!
{SNEEZES REAL LOUD}

Song #2: THE SNEEZER'S LULLABY

Sung by Suzie Mc Sneezer

This is the sneezer's lullaby
It's sad enough to make you cry
Some people seem to think it's funny
But just let me tell you, honey
It's nothin' to sneeze at...

SNEEZER, SNEEZER, SNEEZER
Every time the wind blows
SNEEZER, SNEEZER, SNEEZER
There goes your silly nose
SNEEZER, SNEEZER, SNEEZER
Even when a flower grows
THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES!

{SLOW TAP DANCING}

*{BOBBY BAGGINS HOLDS THE CUE CARD UP :
(AUDIENCE RESPONSE: Wind Blows) PUTS THE CARD
DOWN.}*

SNEEZER, SNEEZER, SNEEZER
All the others make fun
SNEEZER, SNEEZER, SNEEZER
It's not funny when you're the one!
SNEEZER, SNEEZER, SNEEZER

Every time the wind blows
IT HURTS TO BE A SNEEZER!
AAH-CHOO! AAH-CHOO! AAH-CHOO!

{SUZIE SNEEZES, THEN SINGS ANOTHER CHORUS AND TAP DANCES, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SNEEZING DURING THE SONG}

*{BOBBY BAGGINS HOLDS THE CUE CARD UP :
(AUDIENCE RESPONSE: Wind Blows) PUTS THE CARD DOWN.}*

RUDOLPH: *{APPLAUDING/AUDIENCE MAY JOIN IN}* Very good! *{COMFORTS SUZIE}* Why you're quite a talented little elf! Where'd you learn to sing and dance like that? *{RUDOLPH'S NOSE LIGHTS UP, HE EXTENDS HIS HAND}* It's a pleasure to meet you... My name's Rudolph, *{BOWS}* and who might you be?

SUZIE: Gosh and golly gee! Wowie-zowie! Are you thee Rudolph? I mean, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer that helps guide Santa's sleigh through the snow *{SNEEZES}* and the sleet *{SNEEZES}* and the thick and terrible fog! *{SNEEZES}*

RUDOLPH: Why sure! That's me. Rudolph the Red-Nosed reindeer... I'm proud to be!

SUZIE: Boy, I wish that I could be you! You're my hero, Rudolph... A real leader of the pack! Why you're a legend! I'm a nobody! *{SNEEZES}* Just a, a, ah-choo, sneezing old nobody!

RUDOLPH: Why would you say that now? Everybody's a somebody!

SUZIE: Nope! Almost everybody!

RUDOLPH: Why you've got to somebody!

SUZIE: Everybody that can do something in life is a somebody. I'm an elf, Suzie McSneezer, I'm supposed to be able to work for Santa Claus! Like you! You're a reindeer, you were born to pull sleighs! And now you've worked yourself all the way to the top! But I can't do anything! All I can do is sneeze! Santa gave me a job at the toy shop, and every time I sneezed someone would hammer their thumb! Then he started me in the bakery... And I *{SNEEZED}* and all the bread dough went flat! Oh, I'll never amount to anything... *{SOBS}* I'm a failure! He's is my last hope! *{POINTS TO THE SILENT SNOWMAN}* Legend has it that the Silent Snowman was made from the magic of the Winter Wind. And I've come to ask for a wish! He grants magic wishes, you know!

*{BOBBY BAGGINS HOLDS THE CUE CARD UP :
(AUDIENCE RESPONSE: Wind Blows) PUTS THE CARD DOWN.}*

RUDOLPH: Oh, I've heard that legend before!

SUZIE: Do you believe in it?

RUDOLPH: Why, I sure do! Let me tell you a little story about magic wishes... Not everybody knows this but I've

got a secret! A very big secret! I wasn't always a celebrity you know! In fact, *{EXAGGERATED WHISPER}* a long time ago, when I was growing up, everyone used to make fun of me!

SUZIE: Made fun of you!

RUDOLPH: Why sure, and if anyone knows about nose troubles, I knows! Why I use to be the brunt of every nose joke at the North Pole; "Hey what did Rudolph's one eye say to his other eye?" They'd all laugh: "Just between us *{HE POINTS AT HIS NOSE}* Something Smells... They'd all laugh at me: "Yeah and it glows bright red too! Rudolph, come on, pal... Turn it off already, you look like a stop light!" I felt so bad that I ran away from home. I put a mask on and pretended to be somebody I wasn't!

SUZIE: You ran away, too! Where'd you go?

RUDOLPH: I ran away to Pittsburgh, and met a nice family called the Bogutier's. Mr. Bogutier gave me a job in his toy factory!

SUZIE: Didn't they recognize you? Why with that bright red nose, Rudolph ... You're one of a kind!

RUDOLPH: Nope. I put a bandage on my nose and changed my name to Adolph... I pretended that I broke my nose in a fight. Adolph, a famous prize fighter. But then that didn't work either because the town bully decided to pick a fight with me... Oh it was terrible Suzie.. He was a real mean fellow. .. His name was Big Max... I'll never forget that!

{RUDOLPH TWIRLS ABOUT THE STAGE, CHANGING INTO ADOLPH, THE PRIZE FIGHTER WITH THE BANDAGED NOSE. AS THE MUSIC SWELLS, THE CHILDRENS CHORUS COME OUT DRESSED AS ELVES IN SANTA'S SHOP. THEY DANCE ALL AROUND RUDOLPH.}

BOBBY BAGGINS: Hey! would you look at that! Rudolph's going back in time... T-t-tryin' to bring a memory back to life! *{CHANGES HIS COSTUME INTO BIG MAX}* I'd better help him! Hey, you can help too. Everytime the elves sing you can sing along! Just listen to the elves, they'll clue you in!

{RUDOLPH BEGINS TO REENACT THE FOLLOWING SCENE FROM HIS PAST WITH BOBBY BAGGINS WHO IS PRETENDING TO BE BIG MAX}

Song #3: NIGHT OF THE FIGHT DUET

Sung by RUDOLPH and BIG MAX and ELF CHORUS

THE ELVES (DANCING AROUND THE THE SCENE)

This is awful, it's not right
Max is startin' another fight
He's a bully, who's being mean
We've gotta stop it; Get in between!

Big Max *{HOLDING RUDOLPH AGAINST THE WALL}*
Bully! Bully!
Who y'callin' bully?
Bully! Bully!
I'll show ya a Bully! Bully!

Rudolph: *{HOLDING FOR DEAR LIFE}*

Big Max, listen, you're mistaken,
I didn't say it , wouldn't play it ...
Didn't say it, never would even if I could
Would call you a bully
Bully, Bully!

Big Max: *{HOLDING RUDOLPH AGAINST THE WALL}*

Bully! Bully!
Don't lie or cry to me!
I don't try to be a Bully, Bully, Bully.

THE ELVES: *{TRYING TO DANCE BETWEEN THEM}*

Bully! Bully! Bully!
Silly, silly, silly!
Gotta, gotta stop! Stop it at the top!
Silly, silly, silly...
Fighting 's just a game
That leaves us full of shame
Silly, silly, silly!
Gotta, gotta stop! Stop it at the top!

Rudolph: *{TRYING TO GET AWAY}* Look, listen, stop!

THE ELVES: *{CUE IN THE AUDIENCE TO SING ALONG}*

Bully! Bully! Bully!
Silly, silly, silly!
Gotta, gotta stop! Stop it at the top!
Silly, silly, silly...
Fighting 's just a game
That leaves us full of shame
Silly, silly, silly! Gotta, gotta stop! Stop it at the top!

Rudolph: *{Shaking}* Oh help me, Oh my! I'm about to cry!

Big Max: *{PUSHING RUDOLPH AROUND}*

Bully! Bully! They think I'm bad....
Bully! Bully! It makes me mad...

Rudolph: *{Shaking}*

Hey Max, you can be as sweet as pie
All ya gotta do is give it a try !

Big Max: *{HOLDING RUDOLPH UP BY THE THROAT}*

I'm a bully, but not so bad.
I'm just a bully cuz I just get mad...

Elf #3: *{SHOUTS}* Hey, Max. Look out, here comes Mr. Bogutier! Better break it up!

Big Max: *{RELEASES RUDOLPH}* You. . . a fighter. . .hah. Sure I bet! *{GRABS RUDOLPH AGAIN}* Don't say a word to the boss or I'll get ya twice as bad tomorrow. Ya hear me? *{DROPS HIM}*

Rudolph: Yes, I do. Yes, certainly, Max. Whatever you say, M-m-m-max. Whatever you say!

*{MR. BOGUTIER RUSHES IN TO THE SCENE
GASPING , OUT OF BREATH FROM RUNNING.}*

Mr. Bogutier: Okay, okay, let's break it up. What's going on here, boys? Adolph, are you all right? You look terrible. *{TO BIG MAX}* MAX, MAX, MAX! Tsk, tsk,tsk! You know fighting, wrong. Especially with our new friend here! That's not gonna make him feel very welcome, now . Is it?

Big Max: *{GIVES RUDOLPH A BIG BEAR HUG}* Nah. We weren't really fightin' boss!

Mr. Bogutier: Is that true, Adolph?

Big Max: We were just kiddin' around! *{HUGS RUDOLPH AGAIN}* Right, ol' buddy; ol' pal? Hey!

{BIG MAX KNOCKS OFF THE BANDAGE FROM RUDOLPH'S NOSE}

Big Max: Wow! Will ya' look at that nose.... It's glowing! I never seen a red nosed- reindeer before! Wow! Is that bright *{EVERYONE JUMPS BACK AND GASPS AT THE SIGHT OF IT, RUDOLPH STANDS IN THE CENTER ALONE AND ASHAMED}*

{FREEZE FRAME... BACK TO THE PRESENT, EVERYONE EXITS BUT RUDOLPH AND SUZIE}

SUZIE: Hey! *{SNEEZES}* Don't stop there. What happened?

RUDOLPH: *{TO SUZIE}* Huh oh... Yes, well Big Max ended up knocking the bandage off my nose and I was uncovered! Everyone knew who I was. Then Mr. Bogutier realized who I was and said that Santa had been looking for me!

SUZIE: Wowie-zowie!

RUDOLPH: *{JUMPS}* Oh yes! It was one The North Pole News and everything! It said that only I could save Christmas! Santa was going to have to cancel it because of the fog... But he had thought of one last hope... Me and my bright red nose! He figured that would light his way! So they were looking for me! Santa really needed me! But I didn't know it! I was sad and so I was hiding out miles away in Pittsburgh!

SUZIE: I still don't see why you'd run away. You could still do your job...

RUDOLPH: Well Suzie, I got VERY angry because all of the other reindeer were picking on me. Calling me names... Saying that the North Poles Ice Cream Company was going to take my nose and use it for the top of their giant sundae display. . .*{SNIFFS}* I just got tired of hearing all the jokes and stuff. I used to like being different. But after a while you stop kidding yourself. . .Everyone likes to fit in, everybody wants to belong. Somewhere... somehow! Just like you do, like you want to have a job!

SUZIE: Did you ever make it home to save Christmas?

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